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Below: Dr. Tom Roop, biology professor, retires this year after 32 years at FMU. See story page 4.

About the COVER

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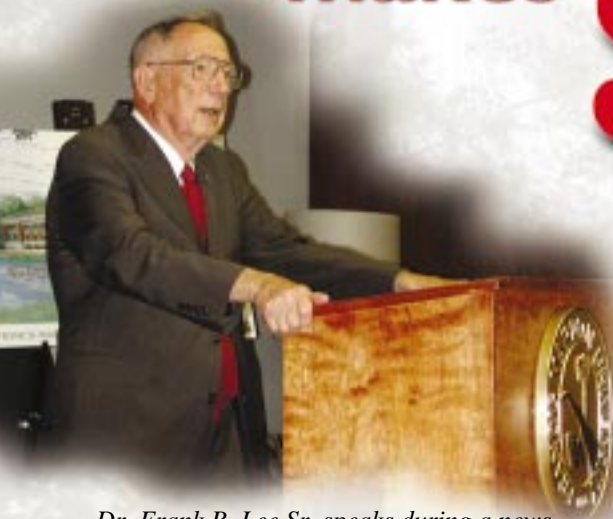
Pictured is an artist's rendering of the proposed building.

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to construct nursing building



Dr. Frank B. Lee Sr. speaks during a news conference announcing the gift.

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Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Board of Trustees approved the gift during a meeting May 18. Foundation Chairman Dr. Frank B. Lee Sr. and FMU President Fred Carter jointly made the announcement May 19 during a news conference on the FMU campus.

“The only area of South Carolina without a stand-alone bachelor’s of nursing program is the Pee Dee,” said Dr. Lee. “According to some estimates, only one in 10 nurses educated outside the Pee Dee returns to practice in the area. It’s not surprising then that hospitals throughout our region face a serious shortage of nurses.”

For that reason, Dr. Lee said, “Building a facility to educate nurses at FMU is a perfect fit for Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation and justifies such a sizeable contribution. It meshes well with the health-related objectives of our foundation,” he said.

“We are extremely grateful for the generosity of Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation’s leaders for sharing our



Dr. Fred Carter (right) accepts the check from Bradley Callicott, executive director of Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation.

vision of creating a nursing program to serve this region, said Carter. “Not only is this the largest gift ever received by the university, but it catapults our five-year capital campaign well beyond its \$12 million goal,” said Carter.

The FMU president also said this is one of the largest private gifts ever received by a state teaching university in South Carolina. Ending its third year, the Campaign for Excellence has now topped \$17 million in support of the university, said Carter. The university’s first-ever capital campaign ends in 2006.

Carter said that if Florence is to continue developing as a major medical center, local hospitals will require even more skilled nursing personnel.

Carter and Medical University of South Carolina President Raymond S. Greenberg agreed in February to transfer administrative control to FMU of the baccalaureate nursing program being offered by MUSC on the FMU campus. MUSC has operated the satellite nursing program as an adjunct program at Francis Marion since 1982.

“There is a nursing shortage throughout South Carolina,” said Carter. “As part of our academic mission, we want to make sure we are meeting the demands of our primary service area.

“There is a need within the Pee Dee region for more bachelor-prepared registered nurse professionals,” he added. “There is wide support within the

region for FMU to produce more health care professionals. With our strong science programs, it is natural for us to move in this direction.”

According to a 2001 study produced by the S.C. Colleagues in Caring Project, only 34 percent of South Carolina registered nurses have a bachelor’s degree or higher, compared to 44 percent nationally. However, only 22 percent of total registered nurses in seven Pee Dee counties have a bachelor’s degree, according to 2002 data from the Office of Research and Statistics of the Budget and Control Board.

To be located just north of the campus pond and adjacent to the McNair Science Building, the two-story building will contain all classrooms, patient care labs and support spaces needed for an expanded nursing program at FMU.

The exterior of the building will be primarily brick with precast accents to match other buildings on campus. Construction will begin as soon as all necessary state approvals are obtained.

The building’s first floor will include an auditorium situated to allow community use, a patient care lab and administrative offices. The patient care lab will include 16 beds designed to allow for extensive patient care training in a flexible layout. The patient care areas will replicate a typical hospital environment with hospital beds and equipment set-ups to allow a smooth transition to the working environment for greater focus on patient needs. Three special procedure areas will allow specialized training by simulating a birthing room, intensive care area and semi-private areas with bathing facilities.

The second floor will contain classrooms and computer training areas for the nursing program. All classrooms, offices and patient care areas will be networked for computer access and electronic learning.

Carter recently appointed a seven-member committee to assist with the transition of the MUSC nursing program to FMU. This committee will make recommendations to help with that transition as well as examine the feasibility of creating other allied health care programs that would be consistent with the mission of FMU.

MUSC began the satellite nursing program on the FMU campus in 1982 with five students enrolled. Today, there are 61 students enrolled as undergraduate



nursing majors, taught by five faculty members. Over the last 22 years, 435 students have earned degrees through this program. While those degrees were awarded by MUSC, those students completed many courses taught by FMU faculty.

In addition, there are currently 204 pre-nursing majors enrolled at FMU, more than a 100 percent increase since 1999 and up 37 percent since last year.

“With this many students interested in a nursing career, our goal will be to broaden the program and educate more qualified nurses to meet the needs of the health care profession,” said Carter.

Located in Florence, Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation was established in 1995 upon the sale of Carolinas Hospital System. This medical system was the result of the merger of two community-based hospitals, Bruce Hospital System, and Florence General Hospital, which were the consummation of the energies, creativity and dedication of Dr. John L. Bruce, Dr. Lamar Lee, and Dr. Frank B. Lee Sr.

The proceeds from the sale, approximately \$90 million, remained in the not-for-profit sector for the benefit of the Florence community. The foundation’s board of trustees (previously the board of Carolinas Hospital System and its predecessor institutions) then opted to organize itself as a private, independent, grantmaking foundation in order to effectively carry out its stated mission. The foundation’s geographic area of interest is currently deemed to be the service areas of its previously owned hospitals.



*Biology
professor*

Roop retires

By **Todd J.
Hudak**



Beloved biology professor Tom Roop has retired from Francis Marion University after 32 years.

Roop has been a fixture at FMU since 1972. He served as the coordinator of biology pre-

professional programs and the J. Lorin Mason Professor of Health Sciences.

A retirement celebration for Roop was held at the Cottage on April 25.

"I'm just slowing down," said Roop, who will still teach a class at FMU in the fall. He plans to stay involved in the university, particularly with recruiting students and working with alumni. "I have always been a recruiter," he said.

As far as retirement plans, Roop said he plans to "piddle in my garden and resume some volunteer work. I don't want to be structured." He works with the South Carolina Academy of Science, reads to children in public schools, and is a Red Cross blood donor.

Anyone who knows Roop knows what he will miss the most about FMU. "I am going to miss all my students," he said. "They just have such great attitudes and goals. It's been an honor to have them share their lives with me."

Biology professor Peter King will assume Roop's duties as coordinator of biology pre-professional programs. King has large shoes to fill, as four out of five FMU grads who apply are accepted to medical school, while nine out of 10 are accepted to dental school.

"We have a wonderful reputation and (medical schools) come here to recruit," said Roop. "Our people are competitive with anyone, anywhere."

"Helping students have a plan is the most important thing," said Roop, who has had as many as 80 advisees at once.

"We have our hand on the pulse of the students. I think you can be more effective if you have a personal relationship."

Roop has developed personal relationships with hundreds of students over the years. One way he maintains those relationships is through an annual fall camping trip to the North Carolina mountains that he has helped organize since 1972. "I haven't missed a year," he says proudly.

Roop describes the campers as a "mixture of alumni and friends." Over the years, the trip has had anywhere from 16 to 82 campers. "It's been a wonderful experience to keep up with people."

Dianne Scarborough has worked with Roop as both a student and a colleague. She graduated from FMU in 1977 with a biology degree, and immediately came to work in the biology department as a lab coordinator, where she has been ever since.

"He's been like a father figure to me as I've grown up out here," she said. "He is

after 32 years



a wonderful mentor to every one of his students. He is just an awesome gentleman."

"He is the type of professor who encourages you to succeed," said Tracy Stetzing, a 1992 biology graduate who works at Sea World in Orlando. "You could go to his office to talk about life or school. His door was always open, no matter how busy he was."

"He was just a people person," said

Oh, the memories. . .

By **Deborah Ray Holly, Class of 1975**

Take yourself back to fall 1972: Francis Marion College was a fairly young entity located on a beautiful campus near Florence, S.C. At that time it was a commuter school, as dormitories had not been completed yet. I was a "girl from a farm" starting college...and a bit nervous about it all.

I always knew I wanted to enter the medical field - with my main choice being in pharmacy. And I knew I would need biology and chemistry courses as main prerequisites for pharmacy school. While I didn't start thinking I would actually graduate with a degree from Francis Marion, as things worked out I did - after only three years and one summer there. (While hindsight is always 20-20, I do wish I had stayed for the full

*Holly with
Dr. Roop*



fourth year and taken courses outside my major field of biology and chemistry... Lessons learned I hope to share with my daughter someday soon...)

Dr. Roop was always open to our questions, and with the lack of technology and ready access to the Internet that we take for granted today, I suspect there were many that were "too basic"...but that didn't bother Dr. Roop a bit. He always wanted us to learn and seemed to marvel as we learned even the most basic of facts.

While there are many stories I could share, I'll limit them to the following:

Dr. Roop offered a Marine Biology course during the summer. The course

Dr. Al Coward, a Florence endodontist who graduated from FMU in 1990. "He was more like a student friend than an instructor."

Dr. Daniel DeCamps, a family physician with practices in Lake City and Johnsonville, attended FMU from 1971-75 before going to medical school at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

"Dr. Roop was more than a teacher," DeCamps said. "He was a friend." DeCamps said Roop was genuinely concerned about his students, celebrating their successes and supporting them through their failures. DeCamps said Roop shared not only suppers and field trips with his students, but also their dreams and aspirations.

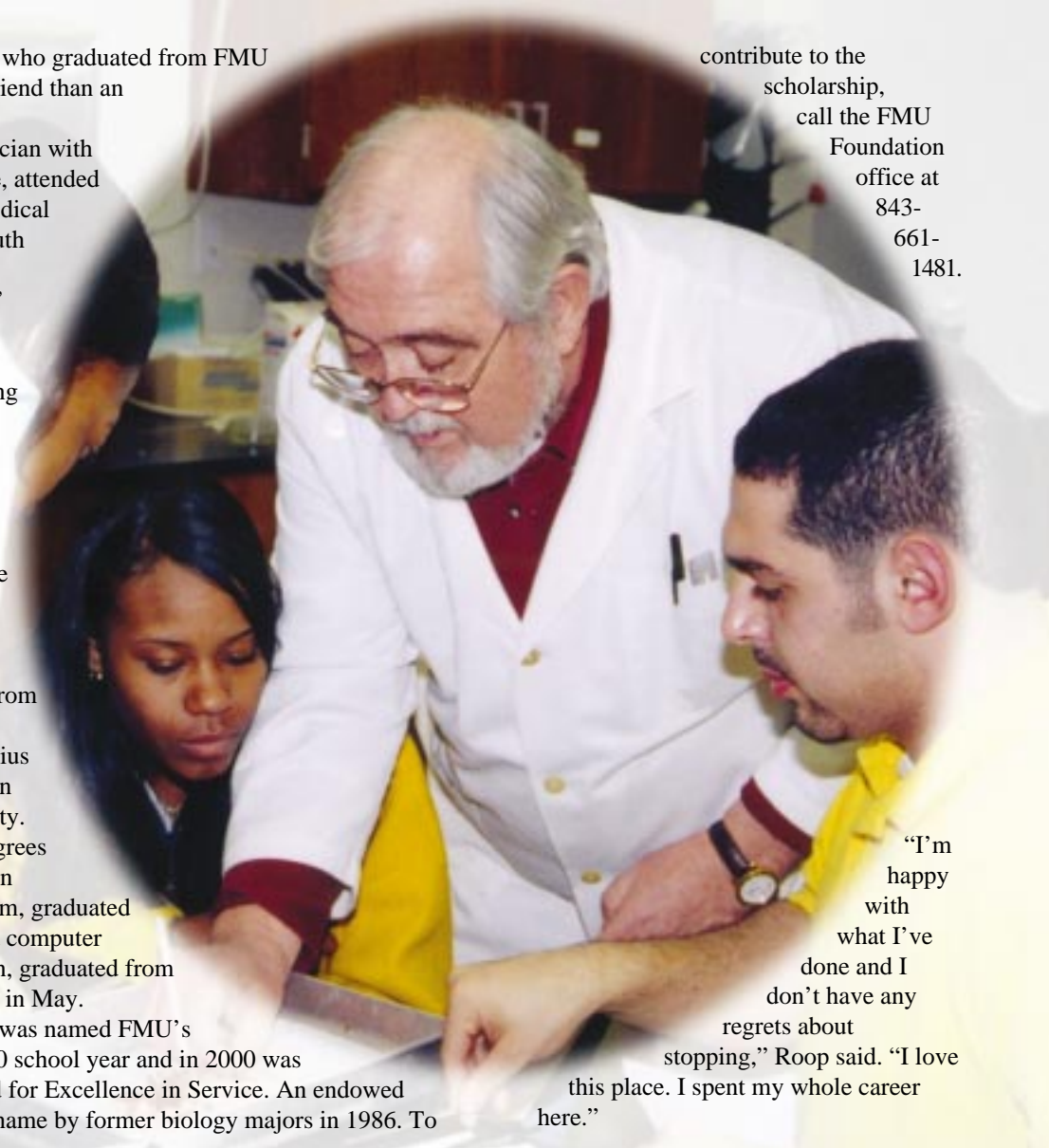
"Where I am today is largely because of him," DeCamps said. "He'll never know the impact he had on my life."

Roop, a Niagara Falls, N.Y., native, earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Denison University in Ohio, a master's degree in science education from Canisius College in New York, and a doctorate in physiology from Florida State University.

Roop's wife, Angela, earned two degrees from FMU and is a first-grade teacher in Darlington. The couple's oldest son, Tim, graduated from the College of Charleston and is a computer consultant. Their younger son, Jonathan, graduated from Florence-Darlington Technical College in May.

Among his numerous awards, Roop was named FMU's Distinguished Professor for the 1979-80 school year and in 2000 was recognized with the university's Award for Excellence in Service. An endowed scholarship was established in Roop's name by former biology majors in 1986. To

contribute to the scholarship, call the FMU Foundation office at 843-661-1481.



"I'm happy with what I've done and I don't have any regrets about stopping," Roop said. "I love this place. I spent my whole career here."

met the regular five days a week **plus** a field trip on Sunday. We would travel to different beaches and learn firsthand about the marine creatures in the environment. We traveled to North Carolina's coast and several sites along South

Carolina's coast. To make this course even more interesting, we would be collecting as many samples as possible - some for preservation and use in the lab and some that we would freeze and eat at an outing at Dr. Roop's home at the end of the semester.

While I had been to the "beach" before, I had never really paid much attention to the regular inhabitants there. One of the first places we visited was in North Carolina and I had my first encounter with a hermit crab - and it nearly scared me to death as I didn't expect something to crawl out of the shell into my hand! Dr. Roop slipped on a rock trying to make sure I was okay. I guess he was as excited as I was by the look on his face when he discov-

ered the reason I was squealing. He enjoyed seeing each of us "learn" in his classes. Later in the semester, we were near Pawley's Island. This was an interesting site to visit as well. To collect samples there, we would wade out about waist deep, push a bucket into the water and bring it up full of water and "creatures." Well, I was the only one to have a baby squid in my bucket. (Now I'm wondering where the Momma Squid was and was she mad at me!!!) We preserved the squid for the lab.

The big party at the end of the semester was great as Dr. Roop bought enough seafood so we all could sample different things we eat from the sea. That course, I must say, was the most fun course I've ever had . . . and I learned so much from it, too. Thanks, Dr. Roop, for such a great memory...

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Roop (left) instructs students on the anatomy of the arm.

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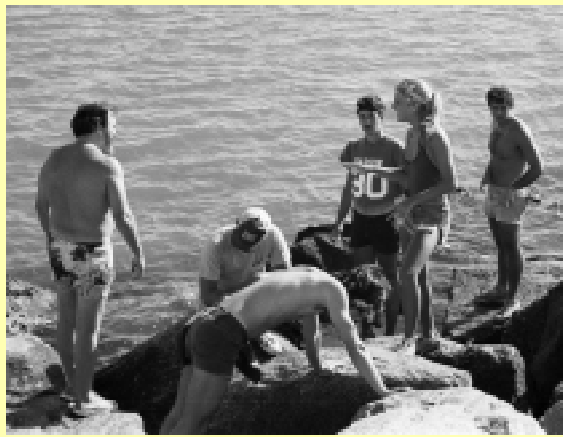
might wonder if the on campus courses were as interesting . . . and the answer is YES!!! We ran all sorts of experiments in the lab during our courses, some on ourselves to see how we would react. One particular experiment required we ingest a set amount of fluid, wait so many minutes, and then measure the output. Wouldn't you know the time I had to go to the bathroom way before time was **the** day that Dr. [Walter D.] Smith was meeting with Dr. Roop in the hallway. What was I to do??? Well, needless to say, I had to interrupt them and ask permission to go to the bathroom before the allotted time. I know Dr. Roop had to explain that one to Dr. Smith (of all people on campus - **the** Dr. Smith). Oh well, apparently Dr. Roop explained that odd sounding request adequately . . . as he is still a member of the faculty.

Dr. Roop was our Ars Medica adviser and he worked hard to make sure we were able to pursue our dreams. I went on to earn a B.S. degree in pharmacy in 1979 from the MUSC College of Pharmacy. After working in pharmacy settings in a clinic, small independent chain, large chain, and in a hospital setting, I found myself as a lab instructor here at the MUSC College of Pharmacy. I have attempted to incorporate many of the things I learned from Dr. Roop (and others, too, from FMU) in my dealings with students. I continued my studies in pharmacy and earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2000 from the USC College of Pharmacy. Dr. Roop sent me a postcard after learning of my accomplishment and I keep that card on the wall above my desk as it reminds me of the wonderful times I had at FMU.

As you may know, representatives from FMU travel around the state in an effort to stay in touch with alumni in those areas. Dr. Roop was one of the faculty traveling with this group a couple of years ago. As schedules always seem to be packed, I thought I would not be able to attend that evening but managed to stop by for a few minutes. During that evening, he shared my story with the prospective students and their parents - and he had it correct down to the last detail. I was so honored by his kind words . . . and surprised any of my professors would remember that much detail about me. However, I suspect Dr. Roop can share this level of detail about all of his students.

I am happy for Dr. Roop as he enters retirement, but I will be sad that the next generation of students will miss an opportunity to study under such a great professor and person.

Congratulations, Dr. Roop, and know that you made a huge difference in my life.



Roop (left) with students on a field trip. File photo

Public comments sought on FMU's School of Education programs

The School of Education at Francis Marion University is scheduled for an accreditation review by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Oct. 23-27.

Federal regulations require that accrediting agencies allow for public comment on the qualifications of institutions or programs under consideration for accreditation. FMU's undergraduate and graduate education programs were first accredited by NCATE in 1999. The university is among more than 500 institutions nationally with NCATE approved teacher education programs.

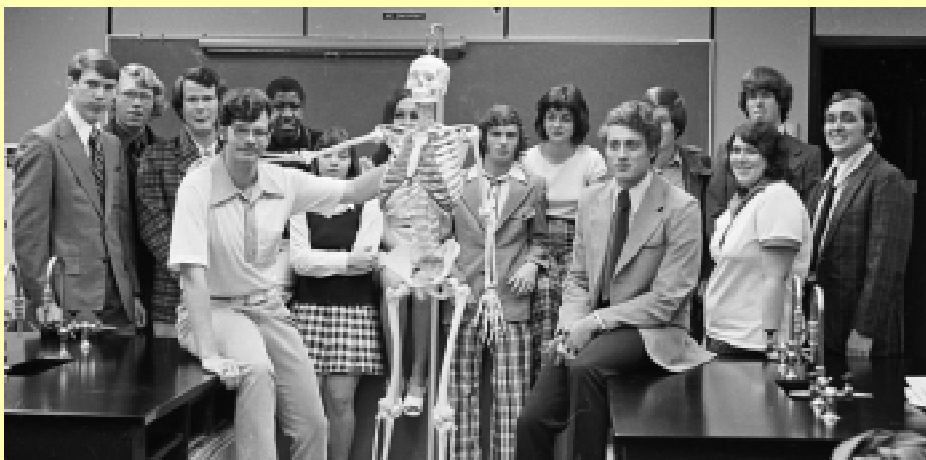
Officials at both NCATE and FMU recognize that graduates, parents, schools and community organizations have valuable perspectives on the quality of the programs that prepare teachers and other school personnel. Interested parties are invited to submit written testimony on the FMU School of Education to the Board of Examiners, NCATE, 2010 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20036-1023 or via email to callforcomments@ncate.org.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of professional education programs offered at FMU and should specify the respondent's relationship, if any, to the institution (graduate, present or former faculty member, employer of graduates, etc.). Copies of all correspondence received will be sent to FMU for comment prior to the accreditation review. No anonymous testimony will be considered.

Letters of comment should be received at NCATE headquarters no later than July 16.

NCATE is a partnership of more than 30 national professional organizations that have united to ensure high quality teacher preparation.

For more information, contact Barbara Thayer, assistant professor of education at FMU, who is chairing the School of Education's accreditation process, at 843-661-1434.



Dr. Roop (far right) with members of the Ars Medica Society. File photo

Williams receives the chamber's first Distinguished Community Service Award

FMU Trustee Robert W. Williams Jr. was honored by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce in February for a lifetime of service to the Florence community.

Williams, president and chief executive officer of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative Inc., of Darlington, was presented the inaugural Distinguished Community Service Award for his significant contributions to the region's business, industry and government.

Tom Marschel, chamber president, said the award, henceforth to be named in honor of Williams, was created by the chamber in November 2003 "to recognize an individual in the greater Florence area who has made outstanding contributions to the quality of life for citizens in our region."

The award was presented at a dinner at Francis Marion University's Ervin Dining Hall. The university and the chamber, along with Carolinas Hospital System, Florence-Darlington Technical College

and the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, were hosts for the event.

A video presentation narrated by Tom Kinard highlighted Williams' career.

State Sen. Hugh K. Leatherman Sr. read a resolution from the South Carolina Senate. Marschel presented the award to Williams.

Williams is recognized as an expert in the cooperative utility industry. His visionary leadership has made Pee Dee Electric Cooperative a leader among cooperatives in South Carolina and in the nation.

He has been with Pee Dee Electric

since 1971, first as general manager, then executive vice president and now as president and CEO.

Williams serves on the boards of Francis Marion University, the FMU Foundation, the School Foundation, Florence County Progress and Florence County Economic Development Partnership. He is chairman of the business and industry advisory committee of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance and serves on the board of directors of Carolinas Hospital System.

In 1995, he received the Order of the Palmetto, the state's highest civilian award. He was granted honorary membership in the FMU School of Business Honor Society, Beta Gamma Sigma, in 1997.

In 1997, Pee Dee Electric's Board of Trustees honored Williams for his dedication and success in the growth of the organization and for his contributions in bringing new industry and better jobs to the Pee Dee.



Robert Williams



FMU awards honorary degrees

Receiving honorary doctoral degrees during FMU's fall commencement in December were Marshall C. (Mark) Sanford Jr., governor of South Carolina, and Kurt Beck, minister president of Rhineland-Palatinate in Germany.

Rhineland-Palatinate is one of Germany's federal states, and Beck's position is equivalent to the governorship in the United States.

Gov. Sanford also was the commencement speaker for the 261 candidates for FMU degrees.



Mark Sanford

Candidates included 203 students for undergraduate degrees and 58 for graduate diplomas.

Beck has been actively involved in Germany's sister-state relationship with South Carolina for a number of years. Two of FMU's international student exchange agreements are with universities located in Rhineland-Palatinate.

Sanford was sworn in as the 115th governor of South Carolina on January 15, 2003. Prior to being elected as governor in November 2002, Sanford lived on the coast of South Carolina with his wife, Jenny, and their four young sons, Marshall, Landon, Bolton and Blake.

Sanford served in the U.S. Congress for six years, before voluntarily stepping down to honor a personal commitment to limit his time in Washington. He had no prior political experience, but had instead worked in business.

Born in 1960 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Sanford grew up with two brothers and a sister on a family farm near Beaufort. He graduated from high school there and then attended Furman University where he received a bachelor's degree in business. He later received an MBA from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, and went on to work in real estate finance and investment in New York and Charleston.

Beck has served as minister president of Rhineland-Palatinate since October

1994. He served as president of the Bundesrat, the upper house of the German parliament, in 2000-2001, and he currently serves as the group's first vice president.

Born in 1949, Beck began his career as an apprenticeship mechanic, specializing in electronics. In 1969, he was a radio electronic engineer with the



Kurt Beck

German Federal Army. In 1972, he became a member of the Social Democratic Party (SPD). In 1979, he was elected to the Rhineland-Palatinate State Parliament, serving as whip of the SPD state parliamentary group from 1985 to 1991. He served as mayor of Steinfield from 1989 to 1994. From 1991 to 1994, he was chairman of the SPD state parliamentary group, and in late 1993 he was named chairman of the party for Rhineland-Palatinate.

Since 1994, he has been chairman of the Broadcasting Commission of the Federal States. Since 1999, he has served as commissioner of the Federal Republic of Germany for cultural matters within the framework of the contract via German-French cooperation. Also since 1999, he has been chairman of the board of directors of the television ZDF network.

He and his wife Roswitha have one son.

Selected to receive honorary doctoral degrees during FMU's spring commencement in May were: Marva Smalls, executive vice president of public affairs and chief of staff of Nickelodeon, Nick at Nite, TV Land, Noggin and Spike TV; Sompong Kraikit, a Florence physician; and Charlene Wages, professor of psychology at Francis Marion University.

Smalls also was the commencement speaker for the 260 candidates for FMU degrees. Candidates included 234 students for undergraduate degrees and 26 for graduate diplomas. In addition, 27 bachelor's degrees were awarded through

a cooperative nursing program with the Medical University of South Carolina.

Headquartered in New York, Smalls is the chief administrative officer for three networks and their ancillary businesses, coordinating and directing financial resources,



Marva Smalls

personnel, and facilities for their New York, Los Angeles, Orlando and international offices. Nickelodeon is the number one kids' entertainment brand; TV Land, the highest rated cable network to launch within the past six years; and Spike TV, the first network for men.

In her public affairs role, Smalls oversees Nickelodeon's pro-social and corporate responsibility initiatives and the company's relationships with child advocates, government officials, educators and non-profit organizations. Most recently, she helped launch Let's Just Play, a national multi-media campaign and grassroots effort to get kids more physically active and encourage more positive, healthy and playful lifestyles. She also spearheaded The Big Help, Nickelodeon's award-winning national campaign that for over nine years has encouraged and empowered kids to pledge over 380 million hours of volunteer service to their communities. The campaign has been recognized for its achievements by both the Clinton and Bush Administrations and has garnered the support of the top names in the entertainment industry.

A native of Florence and a graduate of Wilson High School, Smalls has a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Trinity Baptist Church in Florence.

Dr. Kraikit, a native of Nakornsawan, Thailand, has practiced medicine in the Florence community since 1976. A specialist in nephrology and hypertension, Dr. Kraikit was medical director of

Florence Dialysis Center for 20 years. He currently is medical director of Darlington Dialysis Center and Florence Home Dialysis Center. For 10 years, he was medical director of the Acute Dialysis Unit, Medical Intensive Care at McLeod Regional Medical Center.

Since 1977, he has been a clinical assistant professor of medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina.



Sompong Kraikit earned his degree in medicine from the University of Chiangmai. He interned at Chiangmai Hospital and at Beverly Hospital in Massachusetts, before conducting his residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. He also did clinical fellowships in nephrology at the University of Colorado Medical Center and at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center.

Chairman of the FMU Foundation and actively involved in the university's \$12 million capital campaign, Dr. Kraikit established an international education fund at the university in honor of his wife. He also established a renal education fund at McLeod Regional Medical Center and a nursing fund at Florence-Darlington Technical College, where he serves on the nursing program's advisory board. He is on the boards of trustees at Trinity Collegiate School and the Florence Museum.

A professor of psychology, Wages has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1986 and has served as chair of the general faculty for the last four years. She will be the first FMU faculty member to be presented an honorary degree.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Wages has also taught at Georgia State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morris Brown College and Spelman College. She earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Georgia and master's and doctoral degrees at Georgia State.

Active in faculty governance since her arrival at FMU, Wages was elected chair

of the faculty in 2000 and has been re-elected each year since. She is stepping down from that post June 30. She was presented with the shared governance award in 2001 by FMU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors. That same year, she also received the FMU Faculty Service Award.

A charter member of FMU's Chapter of AAUP, she is serving a three-year term on that organization's National Committee on Governance. She also is a member of the American Psychological Society, Phi Kappa Phi, the S.C. Chapter of the Society for



Neuroscience, the S.C. Psychological Association and the S.C. Women in Higher Education.

Gov. Sanford appointed Wages to the Governor's Advisory Committee to Study the Goals of the Commission on Women. She has been a board member of the Pee Dee Alzheimer's Coalition, president of the Florence League of Women Voters and on the nominating committee for the S.C. League of Women Voters. She has served on the Florence County United Way Agency Allocations and Review Committee and on the Florence Task Force on Recycling and Waste Management.

Wages has co-authored numerous articles for professional publications and has received several research grants.

Carter to receive Lucius D. Clay Medal from Federation of German-American Clubs

Fred Carter, president of Francis Marion University, will be awarded the General Lucius D. Clay Medal by the Federation of German-American Clubs in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Oct. 2.

Carter was notified of the award in a letter from Brunhild Putz, president of the Federation of German-American Clubs. The award, also being presented to German official Klaus Ruter, will be presented during a festive ceremony at the Fruchthalle at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 2.

The medal is the highest decoration that the federation awards to Germans or Americans who have developed and intensified German-American relations in a special way. Previous winners have included German presidents, U.S. ambassadors and diplomats, members of Congress, German and American military leaders and university leaders.

The federation established the award in 1980 in honor of American General Lucius D. Clay (1898-1978), the father of the Berlin Airlift. Clay was a deputy to General Dwight D. Eisenhower and military governor of the U.S. Occupation Zone in Germany from 1947-49. He helped initiate and organize the Berlin Airlift for 13 months after Russia

blockaded the western sector of the city. Based upon his experience and support for the then-young Federal Republic of Germany, Clay was appointed by President Kennedy to be his personal adviser in 1961-62.

Carter is being honored for initiating and leading the establishment of a meaningful partnership between South Carolina and the Rhineland-Palatinate. Ruter was state secretary of the chancellery at the time these partnerships were established.

As director of the State Budget and Control Board, Carter was instrumental in the establishment of agreements between South Carolina and Germany's Rhineland-Palatinate to explore partnerships in education, tourism, economic development, the environment and new communication technologies. That has led to a number of transatlantic conferences, university partnerships, technical college activities, sister-cities programs, public sector executive exchanges and special projects.

Since becoming president of FMU in 1999, Carter has increased the university's formal exchange programs with several German institutions.

Professional journalists to advise mass communication program

A professional advisory committee for the Department of Mass Communication has been formed at FMU.

According to department chairman Don Stewart, the nine-member professional advisory committee was created to provide valuable feedback to the faculty on how to improve the academic programs in mass communications.

Made up of distinguished professionals now employed in one of the fields of mass communication, the committee members have consented to share their expertise with faculty and students. The panel, which will assemble on campus at least once a year, will also provide career planning advice.

Members of the committee will visit classes, examine equipment and facilities and review teaching materials, publications and the department's website.

Charter members of the committee are:

- **Glenda Atkinson**, advertising and marketing director of the Hartsville Messenger. She is a 1992 FMU graduate.
- **Nicole Boone**, news anchor and health reporter for WBTW-TV in Florence. She is a graduate of Winthrop University in Rock Hill.
- **Russell Branham** of Pro Sports Management and Marketing in Charlotte. A former reporter for the Florence Morning News and director of public relations for Darlington Raceway, he is a 1987 graduate of FMU.
- **Chuck Crumbo**, military reporter for The State in Columbia, who has had a 30-year career as a reporter and editor for a number of newspapers. A

graduate of Ball State University, he completed an assignment in Baghdad in 2003.

- **David Dykes**, who has 30 years of publishing experience, including 25 years with daily newspapers. A graduate of the University of Arizona, he has been with the Greenville News for six years as business editor, city editor, projects editor and now assistant city editor/weekends.
- **Allyson Floyd**, evening news anchor and assistant news director for WPDE-TV, where she has worked since 1991. She is a graduate of Clemson University.
- **Mark Haselden**, assistant sports editor of the Florence Morning News, where he has worked for more than a decade. He is a 1991 FMU graduate.
- **Cleve O'Quinn**, editorial page copy editor for the Post and Courier in Charleston. Following a tour with the U.S. Navy, he began his career as a reporter and copy editor with the Morning News. He has been city editor of the Tifton (Ga.) Gazette, managing editor of the Del Rio (Texas) News-Herald and weekend editor of the Sumter Item. He is a 1989 FMU graduate.
- **Chris Worthy**, an award-winning magazine and newspaper writer who is a regular contributor for the Sandlapper magazine and Simpsonville Tribune-Times. She also writes a monthly column for Upstate Parent. She is a 1987 FMU graduate and a graduate of USC law school.

Seven FMU trustees re-elected to board

Seven members of the Board of Trustees of Francis Marion University were re-elected to their positions in a vote April 21 by the state legislature.

Re-elected for another four-year term to the FMU board are:

- **Melissa Johnson Emery** of Conway, representing Congressional District One.
- **Gail Ness Richardson** of Barnwell, representing Congressional District Two.
- **Patricia C. Hartung** of Greenwood, representing Congressional District Three.
- **Alex Kiriakides III** of Greenville, representing Congressional District Four.
- **George McIntyre** of Bennettsville, representing Congressional District Five.
- **William W. Coleman Jr.** of Florence, representing Congressional District Six.
- **Robert W. Williams Jr.** of Effingham, an at large representative.

Lorraine H. Knight of Hartsville, who held a District Five seat, resigned from the board, and McIntyre, a gubernatorial appointee, ran for her seat. The governor will now appoint someone to fill McIntyre's seat.

The 17-member board is made up of two representatives from each of the six congressional districts, three at large members and two gubernatorial appointees.

View alumni magazine wins SCPA award

The FMU Communications Services Office has won a second place award from the South Carolina Press Association for the fall 2002 issue of the View alumni magazine.

Judged in the magazine or special publication category of the associate and individual membership section of SCPA,

the award was presented at the annual SCPA winter meeting in Myrtle Beach.

The magazine, titled "Going Global," focused on the growing exchange programs and international opportunities at Francis Marion University. The cover story was written by Todd Hudak with design by Janie Williams.

The magazine is published twice a year by the Office of Communications Services and the Office of Community Relations & Alumni Affairs for alumni, friends, and the university community. Eunice Rabon is the editor of the magazine.

New student apartments built on campus

FMU will increase its residential student population this fall with the addition of new apartment buildings. The contemporary Forest Villas apartment complex will include three, three-story buildings to accommodate 237 beds. There will be 57 four-bedroom apartments for students.

The apartments are being built on the southeast side of the campus adjacent to Belle Isle, Snow Island and Ellen C. Watson Residence Halls. Parking Lot G will be expanded to the south to accommodate the additional students living on campus. The additional beds will bring FMU residence capacity to 1,369.

Contracted through the university's Real Estate Foundation, the apartments are being built by Capstone Development Corp. of Birmingham, Ala.

For the last several years, FMU has had a waiting list for students wanting to live on campus each fall. "This additional housing will relieve the crowded conditions we've had in our campus residential community," said FMU President Fred Carter. "With our growth over the last few years, we could not accommodate all the students wanting to live in university housing. This addition will address a real need among our residential students."

Each apartment includes single bedrooms and private baths and shared living, dining and kitchen facilities. The apartments are furnished with beds,



Architectural rendering of the Forest Villas (above) and the complex under construction (right).

chest-of-drawers, study desks, sofas, chairs, stoves, microwaves and dishwashers. The apartments are wired for phone, cable television, and high-speed Internet access.

The complex will also include a community center to serve the Forest Villas residents. The community center will include a common lounge for social functions and meetings, a study lounge, a recreation and game room and a snack area.



For information about student housing at FMU, contact the Housing and Residence Life Office at 843-661-1330.



Dr. Fred Carter and French professor Liz Zahnd cut the ribbon at the language lab dedication ceremony. FMU was recently awarded state lottery funds to convert the existing tape-based language lab into a computer-assisted learning environment.

Non-Profit Leadership Institute graduates second class

Twenty-five South Carolina residents, primarily from the Pee Dee, participated in commencement exercises for the second class of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University in April.

Remarks were given by Bradley Callicott, executive director of Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, and FMU president Fred Carter. Institute participants were each presented with a certificate.

Initially funded by a \$75,000 grant from Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation of Florence, the institute provides leadership

training for non-profit groups in the Pee Dee region. The effort is also being supported by an evaluation grant from the PSARAS Foundation of Columbia.

Fred Sheheen, former commissioner and executive director of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is director of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute.

The class will be conducted again during the 2004-2005 academic year. For more information, contact the FMU Foundation at 843-661-1295.

McCracken excels in many areas

By Angela Crosland
Morning News

Beneath his shy demeanor lies a multi-talented student who excels at everything he undertakes. Francis Marion University student Steven Blane McCracken of Florence is not only an accomplished student, but also a master musician and pilot.

He was recently awarded a \$5,000 graduate fellowship from Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society. Only 60 fellowships were awarded nationwide, and he is the second FMU Phi Kappa Phi chapter nominee to win this distinction.

"I am somewhat shocked and certainly proud to receive such an honor," McCracken said.

McCracken, 22, graduated May 8, summa cum laude and with university honors, with a major in physics and minors in music and mathematics. Physics explains the world around us, McCracken said. That is why it's his favorite subject. "Physics explains the things most people take for granted," he said. "I have always been interested in the little physics kits and building solar-powered cars. I had tons of those when I was a kid." McCracken is a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, the national physics honor society, and Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. In 2003-04, he served as the student vice president of the FMU Phi Kappa Phi chapter.

At FMU's recent academics awards day ceremony, he was presented the Physics Award, the Duane P. Myers Honors Award and the Scholastic Achievement Award. Outstanding is the first word to use when describing McCracken, said Dr. David Peterson, chairman of the physics department at FMU. McCracken has been a leader in the computational physics program at FMU, Peterson said.

"He is academically brilliant, and he has a very wide range of interests," he said of McCracken. "He pursues every



Photo courtesy of Morning News.

Blane McCracken, a 2004 FMU graduate, is an accomplished student, master musician and pilot. He plans to pursue a doctoral degree in astrophysics.

interest with vigor and does very well in all of them," McCracken is an accomplished musician as well. He has played first violin with the Florence Symphony Orchestra, and plays violin, keyboard and guitar with the band Flow Town. He also plays piano and has been a member of the FMU Jazz Band for four years. In addition, he composes and teaches music.

He is genuinely interested in a myriad of things, said Dr. Pam Rooks, director of the honors program at FMU. His honors colloquium paid tribute to African-American studies, comparing African music to Western music. "He's an accomplished musician demonstrating the connection between physics, math and music," Rooks said.

McCracken's interest in music and science goes back as far as he can remember. In fifth grade, he started playing the violin and guitar. A few years later, he began playing the piano by ear. "When I was very young, I can remember watching people on television perform and thinking how I really wanted to do that," he said.

As for science, he thinks it is just a part of who he is. McCracken said that he has "a strong desire to learn. I find that I am fascinated by trying to understand everything about the physical world."

The curiosity that accompanies any love of science really comes out in all that he does, Rooks said. He even has a love of the Japanese culture and speaks Japanese, she added. "He is very soft spoken and gives you the impression he is paying close attention to everything around him," she said. "Things don't get past him. He is one of the sweetest young men you'll ever meet and has a gentleness about him."

McCracken is the son of Rita Buckles McCracken and Steven V. McCracken.

He attended Delmae Elementary, Sneed Middle, and West Florence High schools. Both of his parents, and his older sister, Shannan, are FMU graduates.

McCracken said he can remember going to Dovesville to fly remote control airplanes outside with his dad. That was one of the most memorable things about his childhood that really sparked his interest in how things work. McCracken plans to earn a doctorate in astrophysics at either the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or North Carolina State University, both of which have offered him scholarships.

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Jordan is Distinguished Professor

Jesse J. (Mike) Jordan of Florence has been selected the Distinguished Professor for the 2003-04 year at Francis Marion University.

Announced at a campus banquet April 22, this award has been given since the 1975-76 school year and is based upon a faculty member's contributions to teaching, professional service and scholarly activities.

The award is presented at FMU's spring commencement and carries a cash prize.

As a result of his selection, Jordan will be the Francis Marion University nominee for the Governor's Professor of the Year Award competition next fall.

"Mike Jordan is recognized for his outstanding teaching and his administrative abilities," said Fred Carter, FMU president. He also praised Jordan for his strong commitment to research and his service to the university and community.

"Students hold him in high regard as a caring and passionate instructor, while his colleagues have enormous respect for his scholarship and leadership," said Carter.



Mike Jordan

A professor of psychology, Jordan joined the FMU faculty in 1972. He has progressed through the academic ranks and was named director of institutional research in 2002. He has also served as program effectiveness coordinator for the undergraduate programs, coordinator of undergraduate psychology and webmaster of his department.

A native of Atlanta, Jordan attended Georgia Institute of Technology and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Georgia State University in 1969. He also earned master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from Georgia State in 1972. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army, receiving the outstanding officer award in the Signal Corps in 1974.

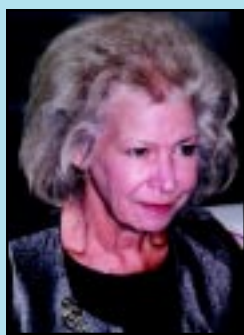
Jordan is a member of the American Psychological Society, the American Association of University Professors, the Southeastern Psychological Association, the Society of Personality and Social Psychology, the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, the Society for the Advancement of Social Psychology, the

Human Behavior and Evolution Society and Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

He was elected president of Phi Kappa Phi in 1993-94. He was awarded the first excellence in teaching and dedication to students award of the S.C. Psychological Association in 1989. In 1976, he received the Distinguished Service Award from the Florence Mental Health Association. He currently serves on the board of directors for the Florence Junior Achievement Program.

Jordan has conducted numerous seminars and workshops in his profession, made scholarly presentations and written articles for professional journals. He also has become adept at developing Internet websites and played a leading role in overhauling FMU's new web presence.

He has received more than \$600,000 in research grants while at FMU, and he has served as a reviewer for several psychology books. He also has been a consultant for a number of community organizations and served on many university committees. He was chair of the Faculty Senate from 1998 to 2000.



Katharine Boling

The English Department at Francis Marion University is honoring the memory of a colleague, Katharine Boling, who served on the English faculty from 1974 until her death in 2002.

Copies of her new children's book, *January 1905*, will be donated to FMU's James A. Rogers Library and the Faculty/ Alumni Cottage.

Boling was inspired to write *January 1905* by photographs taken by Lewis Hines of child laborers in the early 1900s.

The novel is about Pauline and Arlene, 10-year-old twin sisters, both worked to exhaustion, filled with longing and blinded by hatred for each other. Each is certain that the other has an easier life, but in the course of one remarkable week, each discovers how wrong she is.

Boling was a South Carolina native who earned master's degrees from both Hollins University and the University of South Carolina. Her other books include the highly acclaimed *A Piece of the Fox's Hide*, which recounted the story of the murderous Bigham clan of Pamlico, and two popular picture books, *Country Bunnies* and *New Year Be Coming: A Gullah Year*. She was also a popular teacher of writing and a highly esteemed

colleague.

FMU English professor Mary McNulty remembers Boling as "gracious, generous and unassuming. For 28 years she taught her classes with dedication. At an age when she could have looked back over her career and counted her many accomplishments and looked ahead to the leisure years of retirement, Kit instead became a student once more and earned a second master's degree. She leaves behind an ageless legacy, and *January 1905* will be enjoyed by children and adults for years to come."

January 1905 is published by Harcourt Young Classics and was released May 1.

Book by late faculty member published

Three FMU professors named research scholars

John A. Britton, professor of history, Larry J. McCumber, professor of biology, and Benjamin Woods, professor of music, have been named Francis Marion University's Board of Trustees' Research Scholars. They were honored at a luncheon following a Board of Trustees meeting in February.

The Research Scholars designation signifies outstanding scholarly achievements and the promise of continued scholarly activity in the future.

"I am pleased that these three outstanding faculty members are being named trustees' research scholars," said FMU President Fred Carter. "Each of them has achieved distinction as prolific researchers and extraordinary professors."

The appointment as a Research Scholar is for a three-year term and is renewable. The Board of Trustees' resolution provides that six Research Scholars would be named. Currently, there are five as Fred David and Lorraine de Montluzin were named the university's first two research scholars in 2002.

Britton was cited for his extensive scholarly work, primarily in 19th and 20th century international history, especially the relationship between Latin America and the United States in the areas of intellectual and media history.

A native of Jackson, N.C., Britton has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1972. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his master's and doctorate from Tulane University where he taught before coming to FMU. He holds the Suzanne and Benjamin Gasque Professorship in history and is coordinator of FMU's International Studies program and the pre-law program.

Author of five books and numerous articles and book reviews, Britton has

been a contributing editor for the *Handbook of Latin American Studies* since 1991. Volume 60 of this work will be published for the Library of Congress by the University of Texas Press in 2004-2005. His book *Revolution and Ideology: The Image of the Mexican Revolution in the United States*, published by University Press of Kentucky, won the A. B. Thomas Award in 1996. His most recent book is *The United States and Latin America: A Select Bibliography*, published by Scarecrow Press in 1997.

Britton was the winner of the 2003 FMU Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship. He also has conducted research on the history of McLeod Regional Medical Center and McLeod Health.

McCumber's research interests include the mechanism of recognition of self from non-self in invertebrates, comparative immunology, and primary structure of proteins. His most recent research involves antibacterial activity and normal flora of the crayfish.

During his career, McCumber has been awarded research grants totaling nearly \$600,000. He has published 21 research papers, made numerous presentations at professional science meetings in the United States and Europe, and serves on an advisory panel for reviewing grants for the National Science Foundation. He received the 1992 Governor's Award for Excellence in Science.

A Mullins native and Lake City High School graduate, McCumber has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1982, where he is the Palmetto Professor of Biology. Prior to that he was an assistant professor of microbiology and immunology at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine.

He received a bachelor's degree in biology at USC and earned master's and doctoral degrees in immunology and

medical microbiology from the University of Florida. He also completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Southwestern Medical School of the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas.

McCumber has lectured in public schools throughout the Pee Dee and has judged many local science fairs. He is a member of the S.C. Academy of Science, the S.C. Branch of the American Society of Microbiology, the American Society of Zoologists, the American Association of Immunologists and the International Society of Development and Comparative Immunology.

Woods has given numerous solo piano concerts across the country, including Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress and

Carnegie Recital Hall in New York City where he made his debut in 1985. He has performed many faculty recitals, chamber music and solo concerts at numerous other colleges and universities, and performances at community concert series and festivals. With the Florence Symphony, the Mississippi Symphony, the Baylor University Symphony and the S.C. Philharmonic, he has performed concertos of Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky and Gershwin.

He was one of 12 national finalists in the U.S. Information Agency's Artistic Ambassador Competition, and one of 10 finalists in the Beethoven International Piano Competition.

Besides performing chamber music in the Woods Family Ensemble with his wife, Sherry, violist, and their children, Christopher, violinist, and Adrienne, cellist, he has collaborated in recital with the Firenze String Quartet, and with artists Sue Orr, soprano, Roland LeRoy Skinner, bassoonist, and William Mills, pianist. He also has given recitals with Kathleen Vandekieft, Metropolitan Opera

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John Britton



Larry McCumber



Benjamin Woods

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soprano finalist, Harold Jones, concert flutist, and Steve Maxym, principal bassoonist with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra.

He has conducted concerts of the FMU Chorus and the Florence Symphony Orchestra Choral Society. He conducted the Florence Masterworks Choir and Orchestra in performances of the Poulenc *Organ Concerto* with William Mills, organist, and a performance of the Vaughn Williams *From Unknown Regions*, and the Haydn *Lord Nelson Mass*.

A guest conductor before his appointment, Woods was named music director and conductor of the Florence Symphony, and served from 1996 to 2002, where one of his greatest triumphs was conducting a joint venture of the Masterworks Choir and the symphony, with the assistance of the West Florence and Wilson High School choruses, in a performance of the monumental Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*.

In addition to directing symphonic literature, he conducted the Florence Symphony in collaboration with internationally known solo artists such as David Kim, violinist, Walter Hautzig and Raymond Dudley, pianists, and the Eroica Trio, as well as esteemed colleagues Robert Jesselson and Kenneth Law, cellists, Kathleen Vandekieft and Sue Orr, sopranos, Michael Kim, Charles Fugo, Kent Lyman and Dana Dixon, pianists, and many fine soloists of the Florence Symphony Orchestra and the greater Florence community.

He also was able to share the musical talents of his children, Christopher and Adrienne, in solo concerto performances, as well as the compositional talents of his wife, Sherry, who wrote a commissioned work, the *Florentine Overture* for the 50th anniversary of the Florence Symphony.

A native of Port Arthur, Texas, Woods has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1972. He earned a bachelor's degree in piano performance and music education at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, a master's degree in music from Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas, and a doctorate in musical arts from the University of South Carolina.

Autrey elected to lead FMU faculty

Kenneth M. Autrey, professor of English, was elected chairman of the general faculty at Francis Marion University in February. He replaces psychology professor Charlene Wages, who has served as faculty chair since 2000.

"I look forward to serving FMU as chair of the faculty," said Autrey. "Charlene Wages has done an outstanding job with faculty governance, and I'll do my best to live up to her example."

Pamela Rooks and Keith Best were re-elected vice chair and secretary, respectively, at the April faculty meeting. They will also serve in the same positions for the general faculty. The chairman, vice chairman, and secretary will begin their one-year terms July 1.



Ken Autrey

Autrey has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1989. Prior to coming to FMU, he taught at the University of South Carolina and Tougaloo College. In 1996-97, he was a

visiting professor

at Hiroshima University in Japan while on leave from FMU.

He earned the A.B. degree in English from Davidson College, the M.A. degree in English from Auburn University, and the Ph.D. degree in English from the University of South Carolina.

De Montluzin publishes electronic database

Emily Lorraine de Montluzin, a professor of history at Francis Marion University, has published an electronic database, *Attributions of Authorship in the "Gentleman's Magazine," 1731-1868: An Electronic Union List*.

The work is a fully searchable database that provides attributions for 25,585 anonymous contributions in the *Gentleman's Magazine*. The electronic book was published by the Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia and can be found online at <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/bsuva/gm2>.

A native of Bay St. Louis, Miss., de Montluzin earned her bachelor's degree

from Newcomb College of Tulane University and her master's and doctoral degrees from Duke University.

De Montluzin has taught in the history department at Francis Marion University since 1974. She is the author of six earlier books identifying anonymous and pseudonymous contributors to the *Anti-Jacobin Review*, the *Gentleman's Magazine*, and the *European Magazine*, as well as articles concerning 18th- and 19th-century British press history.

De Montluzin was named an FMU Board of Trustees Research Scholar when that designation was created in 2002.

Gardner wins writing-center award

Phillip Gardner, an associate professor of English at Francis Marion University and a former director of the university's Writing Center, has been awarded the 2004 Southeastern Writing Center Association Achievement Award.

The SWCA Achievement Award is presented annually on a competitive basis to a writing center administrator at an educational institution in the Southeastern region for his or her outstanding contribution to the SWCA and the writing-center community.

Gardner is a past vice-president and interim president of the Southeastern

Writing Center Association. He has contributed to the scholarship of the writing-center community through numerous regional and national conference presentations. In addition to fostering the work of the Writing Center at FMU as its director from 1988-2000, he has also helped to support the work of writing centers at other universities in the Southeast. Gardner is also a renowned author and screenwriter. He earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Professors recognized for excellence

Three Francis Marion University faculty members were honored for outstanding individual work during the past year at a faculty recognition banquet in April.

Rebecca H. Flannagan was given the Award for Excellence in Teaching; A. Glen Gourley Jr. was presented the

Award for Excellence in Service; and William P. Fox received the Award for Excellence in Research. Each award carries a cash prize.



Rebecca Flannagan

“Becky, Glen and Bill are ideal examples of what superlative faculty contribute to a university. I am very proud of them,” said Fred Carter, president of FMU. “Exemplary teaching, public service and scholarship are essential characteristics of a good faculty member, and these awards recognize the importance of each in our mission of educating students.”

An assistant professor of English, Flannagan has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1995. She was cited for her classroom teaching skills. A native of Hardinsburg, Ky., she earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Western Kentucky University and a doctorate from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. At FMU, she is co-director of the Swamp Fox Writing Project, assistant coordinator for freshman English and has served on a number of university committees. She has published numerous poems, reviews and articles. She is editor of *Postscript*, the

publication of the Philological Association of the Carolinas.

Gourley, a native of Sweetwater, Tenn., has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1985. He is an associate professor of theatre arts and speech, and was cited for his service to the university, the community and the state. He has directed more than 25 theatre productions at FMU and has been a judge, consultant or adjudicator for numerous pageants and theatre performances throughout the state. From 1985 to 1999, he held a number of positions with the Cherokee, N.C., outdoor drama “Unto These Hills.” He also has been involved in Oconuftee Little Symphony, Glassboro Summer Theatre, Florence Little Theatre, Encore Theatre Co., Lake City Community Theatre, Manning Back Porch Players, Hartsville Community Theatre and many public school projects. He earned an associate’s degree from Hiwassee



Glen Gourley Jr.

College, a bachelor’s degree in theatre from the University of Montevallo and a master’s in fine arts from the University of Mississippi.

A native of Newport News, Va., Fox has been a member of the FMU faculty since 1998. Chairman of the



William Fox

Mathematics Department, Fox was cited for his extensive scholarly work, primarily in mathematical modeling, an area where he is considered a national authority. He has published four books, written numerous articles and made extensive scholarly presentations. Since 2000, he has been involved in statistical analysis involving several medically related research studies. Fox received his bachelor’s degree in general engineering from the U.S. Military Academy and his master’s degree in operations research and systems analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School, and a doctorate in industrial engineering and operations research from Clemson University where he taught before coming to FMU. He also taught at the U.S. Military Academy.

Duane P. Myers of Florence, the A.R. Avent Professor of History, also was presented the Shared Governance Award, sponsored by the FMU Chapter of the American



Duane Myers

Association of University Professors. This award is given to a faculty member who demonstrates commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and the board of trustees. A member of the FMU faculty since 1972, Myers earned his bachelor’s degree from Johns Hopkins University and his master’s and doctoral degrees from Yale University. He is a native of Detroit, Mich. He also serves as faculty assistant to the president for special projects.

FMU exhibits environmental photo essay by two professors

“Danger in the Idyllic: South Carolinians at Risk,” a photo essay by FMU professors Lisa Pike and Lynn Hanson, is on display at Francis Marion University as part of the university’s Art Gallery Series through Aug. 2.

The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, and may be viewed between 8:30

a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in the Smith University Center gallery.

This photo essay is one of the culminating products of an interdisciplinary project involving students in Pike’s Honors Environmental Science class and Hanson’s Business Writing and Technical Communication classes during the fall 2002 semester.

Approximately 150 students were involved in the project, with about 60 contributing to the content of a CD titled “The Mercury Problem in South Carolina’s Freshwaters.” The 15 photos and interpretive labels focus on the danger of eating mercury-contaminated freshwater fish in South Carolina.



FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

An Open Letter to the FMU Community

Let me tell you why I've agreed to serve as the honorary chairman of the 2004 Annual Fund. Over 35 years ago, a group of local citizens had a dream — a dream of a four-year public institution of higher education to educate the sons and daughters of the Pee Dee region. In 1970, that dream became a reality. Now I want to see the vision extended into the next decade and beyond.

More than ever, the university needs a strong and sustained annual giving program. Over the last three years, the Campaign for Excellence has generated private dollars all over the state. Now it's time to call upon the loyalty and generosity of our alumni and friends to build upon the success of our campaign and help maintain the university's margin of excellence. Because needs and opportunities change over time, a robust Annual Fund is a vital resource.

The Annual Fund is the key means through which Francis Marion University raises unrestricted gifts each year to support and enhance the day-to-day work of the university. Contributions are used to provide scholarship assistance, upgrade science labs and classrooms, purchase library books, and provide the resources needed to support and improve *all* aspects of the university.

The Annual Fund encourages donors to support FMU at every dollar level—from small gifts that assist with a variety of needs — to major gifts that endow entire programs. The impact of giving lasts a lifetime.

This is why I am committed to leading this effort. Gifts to the Annual Fund make a difference — in the lives of our students, in the quality of our academic programs, and in state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. The impact is real. Please join me in making a contribution to continue our enduring traditions and in establishing new directions for our university.

Sincerely,

Walter D. Smith
President Emeritus, Francis Marion University



Dr. Walter Douglas Smith
President Emeritus



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2004 Annual Fund

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FMU, FDTC receive gift from Marion G. Daniels estate

Francis Marion University and Florence-Darlington Technical College have each received a financial gift from the estate of Marion G. Daniels of Pamplico.

Daniels specified that her estate be divided equally between the two schools, with money going to each school's endowment fund for "scholarships for deserving students." Each school will receive more than \$200,000.

Daniels died on March 31, 2003, at the age of 92. She was a homemaker and was active in her church. Her husband, Glenn, who died in 1990, co-owned the Daniels Brothers store at Salem Crossroads in Pamplico with his brother.

Several of Daniels' nieces and a nephew received degrees from FMU: Linda Ard earned a master's degree in early childhood education in 1975; Rita Poston Coleman earned a master's degree in elementary education in 1981; Karen Poston Jones earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1981; Hollis

Gaskins Kersey received an associate's degree in nursing in 1971; and Barry Turner received a B.S. degree in computer science in 1990. Ard's son, J. Banning Ard, received a bachelor's degree in history from FMU in 2002.

Daniels' nephew, James Marshall Daniels, attended FDTC, as did Ard's husband, Vance. Another niece, Judy Gaskins Yanello, received an associate's degree in nursing from FDTC in 1978.

"Francis Marion University is extremely appreciative of this generous gift from Ms. Daniels," said FMU president Fred Carter. "This money will provide scholarships for numerous students who otherwise may not have the resources to pursue a college education."

Dr. Charles Gould, president of FDTC, said, "The cost of higher education is going up, but this generous gift by the Daniels family will make the dream of going to college a reality for many deserving folks."

DuBard, BellSouth contribute to The Cottage

The FMU Foundation has received two generous gifts from area businesses toward the BB&T/Amelia Wallace Faculty/Alumni Cottage.

DuBard Inc. has donated \$25,000 and BellSouth has given \$15,000. Both companies are longtime supporters of the university. DuBard has contributed to the Annual Fund and the Swamp Fox Club since the early 1970s and to several other programs over the years. BellSouth has sponsored an annual lecture series in education and the Program for Young Scholars, as well as other academic endeavors.

The Cottage is a 4,000-square-foot facility that serves as a gathering place for FMU faculty, staff, alumni and guests. Built with private donations, The Cottage has a large meeting room that accommodates approximately 65 people, a smaller dining room that seats 12 people, a hospitality suite that opens to a library, and two large guest bedrooms with private baths. The facility, operated by the FMU Foundation, is available for special events including meetings, conferences, training sessions, special luncheons or dinners, and receptions.

To make reservations at The Cottage, call the Foundation office at 661-1295

Santee Electric contributes to endowed scholarship

Santee Electric Cooperative of Kingstree has made its third \$15,000 contribution to the Santee Electric Cooperative Teacher Training Scholarship at Francis Marion University.

The company established the scholarship in 2001 with a commitment to endow it in the amount of \$75,000, or \$15,000 per year for five years.

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide licensed teachers for Williamsburg County, which has a shortage of teachers. The scholarship is awarded to students and teacher assistants in the Williamsburg County School District who are seeking a degree in professional education.

"We look forward to making a brighter future for those students who will benefit from this scholarship as well as positively influencing the Williamsburg County School District," said Floyd Keels, president and CEO of Santee Electric.

Keels is a member of the FMU Foundation Board of Directors and also serves on the FMU Capital Campaign Steering Committee.

"Floyd Keels and Santee Electric have been among FMU's strongest supporters for years," said FMU president Fred Carter. "Their efforts have improved educational opportunities for countless Francis Marion students, particularly those from Williamsburg County."

J. Parks and Mary Louise Garrison Scholarship established

The J. Parks and Mary Louise Garrison Scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University.

The purpose of the scholarship is to support students who might not otherwise be able to afford a college education. The scholarship will be funded in the amount of \$4,500 annually.

The recipient must demonstrate financial need, but not qualify for the state's Life or Hope scholarships. The recipient must meet specified academic standards and be a legal resident of South Carolina. The recipient is eligible for repeat awards, provided all qualifications are met.

The Garrisons are originally from North Carolina, and have lived in Florence for 35 years. They decided to establish a scholarship due to the positive experience that their nephew, Mike Boswell, had while he was a student at FMU. Boswell graduated in 1990 with a B.B.A. degree in computer information systems management.

"FMU made his life successful," J. Parks Garrison said of his nephew. "Life has been fortunate to us, and we wanted to return something to the community."

FMU, Sumter School District 17 receive math grant

The Department of Mathematics at Francis Marion University and Sumter School District 17 have been awarded a Community Alliance Mathematics Partnership (CAMP) grant through the South Carolina Department of Education.

The grant is a three-year award. The funds will help improve teaching in middle-school mathematics. The total grant award to Sumter School District 17 is approximately \$627,600. The total FMU funding is about \$61,000.

This grant will cover the partnership's preparation and presentation of content material to the middle-school mathematics teachers in Sumter School District 17, as well as FMU professors' travel to meetings to discuss the successes of the partnership.

FMU mathematics professors Jane Gower and Bill Whitmire will be handling this year's content for the grant, "Geometry for the Middle School Using Geometer's Sketchpad." They will present a one-week geometry institute in late May, followed by numerous daylong in-service follow-ups through the academic year. The content for the future years is yet to be determined by the Sumter coordinator, Ann Shreve.

King scholarships established

The Heyward L. King Sr. and Frances Cockfield King Scholarships have been established at Francis Marion University.

The scholarships were established by local businessmen Heyward L. King Jr. of W. Lee Flowers and Co. Inc. and Reamer B. King of King Cadillac-Buick-Pontiac-GMC Inc. to honor their parents and to recognize and assist outstanding students from Lake City.

The two scholarships will be endowed in the amount of \$25,000 each. The amount of the scholarships will vary.

Recipients of the scholarships must be residents of Lake City. One recipient must be a graduate of the public high school in Lake City; the other recipient must be a graduate of the private high school in Lake City. Recipients must also demonstrate financial need, and the scholarships may be renewed.

"Francis Marion draws a substantial number of students from Lake City," said FMU president Fred Carter. "The generous support of these scholarships by the King family, W. Lee Flowers, and King Cadillac will encourage Lake City's best high school students to continue their education at FMU."

FMU receives science grant to partner with school districts

Francis Marion University, in partnership with six local school districts, was recently awarded a \$100,000 grant by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

The funds for this program are from the U.S. Department of Education. The program will partner FMU faculty with area middle-school teachers to improve their science knowledge.

The school districts participating in the partnership are Florence 1, Florence 2 (Hannah-Pamplico), Florence 3 (Lake City), Florence 5 (Johnsonville), Marion 1, and Marion 2 (Mullins).

The main event in the program will be a four-week Middle School Science Institute to be held at FMU from June 7 to July 1. The Institute will involve 18 area middle school science teachers working with three FMU science faculty and one science educator from the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics.

In addition, the program will include follow-up support during the academic year. During the middle two weeks of the Institute (June 14-24), 96 middle-school students will participate in a science camp and provide a chance for the teachers to enact curriculum in a realistic classroom setting.

The participating FMU faculty are Derek Jokisch, assistant professor of physics, Lisa Pike, assistant professor of biology, and Jeannette Myers, assistant professor of astronomy, along with Randy LaCross from the Governor's School.

The grant proposal was written in collaboration with faculty at the University of South Carolina. A similar program will take place at USC this year with Columbia-area school districts.

FMU part of \$1.4 million grant from the National Institute of Health

Francis Marion University is part of a multi-institution group that was recently awarded a \$1.4 million research grant titled "Advances in Skeletal Dosimetry through Microimaging." The research is in the field of health physics, which is the study and practice of radiation safety.

Derek Jokisch, an assistant professor of physics at FMU, is a co-investigator for the project. The National Cancer Institute, a component of the National Institute of Health, is funding the research.

The work will develop improved methods and data for assessing the amount of damage done by radiation in the skeleton. This research will benefit not only general radiation protection, but will also

lead to benefits in the medical uses of radiation therapy.

The work will utilize modern imaging techniques such as MRI and CT to provide detailed bone structure information. This structural data will then be used in a computer program that simulates how radiation moves and deposits energy in tissue. Ultimately the work will produce reference data for males and females that can be scaled to individuals of different ages, sizes, and health.

FMU is working on the project with the University of Florida, the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, and the Johns Hopkins University. The four-year project runs through January 2007.

Patriots enjoy Sweet (Sixteen) Season

By Michael G. Hawkins

Maybe the second-best team in the country? That will be the question that will haunt the Francis Marion University men's basketball for the entire summer. The Patriots enjoyed their most successful season ever in 2003-04, compiling a 27-4 record, being ranked fifth in the final Top 25 poll, and reaching the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Division II national tournament in the team's first-ever NCAA tournament appearance.

However, two of the losses – a three-point regular-season loss and a nine-point loss in the round of Sweet Sixteen – were to Kennesaw State University on the Owls' home floor. That same KSU squad went on to roll through the Elite Eight and easily won the Division II national title.

Despite the lingering question, fourth-year head coach John Schweitz guided his squad through a dream season. Picked to finish eighth (out of 12) in the pre-season Peach Belt Conference coaches' poll, the Patriots captured the PBC North Division title with a 15-1 mark, and the team's 27 wins surpassed the win total of the previous three years combined (24-56).

Only two years removed from the program's only winless home season (0-13 in 2001-02), FMU completely reversed its fortunes and was unbeaten at home (13-0) for the first time in team history. Visiting squads came to fear the sound of shaking car keys by Patriot supporters as a signal to warm up the bus and head home.

The season opened with a school-record 10-game winning streak, including three wins and the de facto title at the Palm Beach Hoops Classic in Boca Raton, Fla. The team's first defeat was a heart-breaking 105-101 overtime loss at Fayetteville State University, that saw the Patriots lose an 11-point lead in the final 40 seconds of regulation.

FMU rebounded with seven straight wins prior to the team's first trip to Kennesaw State and a 63-60 loss. Eight consecutive wins followed, before the Patriots were surprised by Armstrong Atlantic State University 72-69 on a last-

second three-pointer in the quarterfinal round of the PBC Tournament in Augusta, Ga.

Francis Marion then had to wait to see if it would receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, and whether the Patriots might even host the regional tournament. FMU did get an invitation – its first national tournament appearance since the 1991 NAIA Tournament – but the Patriots were seeded second and KSU earned the right to host the regional.

First-round fate had the Patriots facing the same AASU squad that had just beaten them. Again the game went down to a last second shot (by the same AASU player), but this time the shot was no good and FMU advanced with its first-ever national tournament win, 86-84.

Francis Marion then faced Bowie State University, a squad that reached the Final Four in 2003. Led by career-best games from seniors Randy Williams and Jarron Hinton, the Patriots prevailed 95-78 and marched into the regional title contest and the Sweet Sixteen. Two nights later, turnovers doomed the squad in an 82-73 loss to KSU.

Following the game, Schweitz told the media in a press conference, "It will be tough right now to convince this team it was a successful season, because a championship was our goal. But this has been a very successful year, and I am very proud of this squad."

Sentiments he echoed many times in later weeks. "This was a special group of players. Each one contributed to our success, and each played a role in how well our season went." Nine of the 14 team members scored in double figures at least once.

Schweitz was honored as the PBC's "Coach of the Year," and later recognized by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) as its South Atlantic Region "Coach of the Year," the first such honor for a Patriot men's hoop coach.

Williams and junior forward Louis McCullough both earned first-team All-Peach Belt honors. McCullough was also selected to several first-team All-Region



Coach John Schweitz talks strategy during playoffs.

squads. The 6-6 Goose Creek native averaged 17.7 points, 7.8 rebounds, 1.7 steals, and 1.4 assists per game. He ranked second in the PBC in both scoring and blocked shots (48) and was third in both three-point percentage and free throw percentage. During FMU's Sweet Sixteen loss, he became only the second Patriot to amass 1,000 points, 600 rebounds, 100 blocked shots, and 100 steals during a career. With his senior year still ahead of him, McCullough stands 10th on the Patriot career scoring list with 1,361 points, seventh on the rebounding list (651), third in career blocks (111), and 14th in career steals (100).

Williams averaged 13.2 ppg and 6.2 rpg, while ranking sixth in the Peach Belt in field goal percentage (56.9%). Senior center Jaquan Bracey chipped in 10.4 ppg and 7.8 rpg and ranked third in the conference in field goal percentage (60.3%) and fourth in rebounding. The senior backcourt tandem of Hinton and David Hawkins compiled two of the top 10 season assist totals in team history, with Hinton's 164 ranking third all-time. Hinton's 66 steals also set a new Patriot season record.

FMU set 10 team records during 2003-04, and in the final 2004 NCAA statistics, the Patriots ranked sixth in won-loss percentage, seventh in field goal percentage defense, 27th in scoring margin, 31st in rebounding margin, and 39th in scoring defense.

Former Patriot hoops coach inducted into FMU Athletic Hall of Fame

Former Francis Marion University men's basketball coach Lewis Hill became the newest inductee into the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming activities on Feb. 28.

Hill served as the head men's basketball coach at Francis Marion for 21 seasons, from 1976 to 1997, recording a 339-276 record. Entering the 2003-04 season, he was responsible for 74 percent of the program's all-time win total.

In only his second year (1977-78), he guided Francis Marion to its first winning season (20-8) and the program's first post-season berth (NAIA District Six Tournament). He piloted Francis Marion to its then best-ever record (24-7) in 1979-80, and to the program's only NAIA District Six championship and NAIA national tournament appearance in 1990-91.

His Patriot teams won at least 19 games in 11 of his 21 seasons, including seven 20-win campaigns. His teams ranked nationally in team scoring defense in six of his final seven seasons at FMU.

His 1985-86 team won its opening eight games and 11 of its first 12, and was ranked as high as sixth in the nation (NAIA) in January of that year, en route to a 22-8 record.

He was named NAIA District Six "Coach of the Year" twice, in 1978 and 1991. He was also selected as the Palmetto State Conference "Coach of the Year" following the 1990-91 season. Under his direction, Francis Marion twice captured a share of the Palmetto State Conference crown, in 1989-90 and 1990-91.

Hill guided Francis Marion to a respectable 5-12 record in games against NCAA Division I opponents. He won his first game at Francis Marion, 65-63 over USC Aiken on Nov. 27, 1976, and his final win at FMU was also against USCA, 65-60 on Feb. 25, 1997.

Prior to taking the FMU position, he established the men's basketball program at Central Wesleyan College (now

Southern Wesleyan University) and compiled a 99-50 record in six seasons. His 1975-76 Central Wesleyan squad placed second at the NCCAA national tournament.

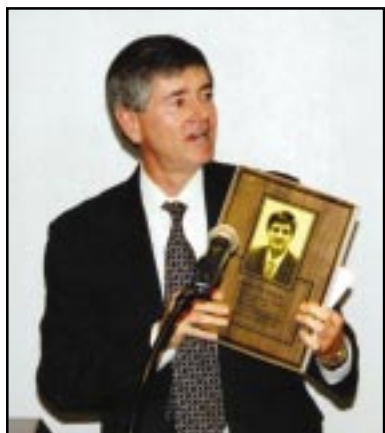
After leaving Francis Marion, he spent several years in private business, but recently returned to coaching at the high school level. He just concluded his second year as boys' varsity basketball coach at Wood-

land High School in Dorchester, S.C. The Wolverines were 15-11 in 2002-03, and 10-8 this past year, and both years advanced to the AA State playoffs.

A native of Greensboro, N.C., Hill's coaching career began at Allen Jay High School in High Point, N.C., in 1965, where current N.C. State University women's head coach Kay Yow coached the girls' varsity. Hill earned his undergraduate degree from Mars Hill College and his master's from UNC Greensboro.

Hill joins 24 current members in the

FMU Athletic Hall of Fame, which was formed in 1991. Past inductees include Cindy Alford (women's softball), Jeannette Alston (women's basketball, volleyball), Kristi Anderson (women's softball), Mark Bedenbaugh (cross country, track and field), Gary Bennett (golf), Maria Costas (women's basketball, tennis, volleyball), Tom C. Davidson (coach and administrator), Carlton Farr (men's basketball), LaRue Fields (women's basketball, volleyball), Allen Floyd (men's basketball), Sylvia Rhyne Hatchell (women's basketball coach), Mary Hirst (women's tennis), Wayne Huggins (baseball), Scotty Keefe (baseball), Sam Lundkvist (men's tennis), Pearl Moore (women's basketball), Robert Moore (men's basketball), Mitch Powell (track and field, cross country), Tommy Randall (golf), Garth Thomson (men's tennis player and coach), Randy White (track and field, cross country), Mike Wilson (baseball), Lee Whitwell (women's tennis), and Rendy Yates (women's softball player and coach).



Lewis Hill



Coach Hill (center) and former players.

Baseball

FMU ended the year with a 29-17 record, including a season-ending six-game winning streak, and a fifth-place finish in the Peach Belt Conference standings. Senior right-handed pitcher Erin Jones ended his record-setting career by earning All-PBC and All-Region honors for the second consecutive year. He owns the Patriot career marks for wins (29-14 mark), complete games (29 in 41 starts), innings (336), and strikeouts (315). He twice set the FMU single-season record for strikeouts: 106 in 2002 and then 119 in 2003.

Women's Basketball

Picked to finish 11th out of 12 teams in the pre-season Peach Belt Conference coaches' poll, FMU finished third in the PBC's North Division with a 14-13 record. Four of the conference losses were by five points or less. Sophomore forward Danielle Moore led the young squad in scoring (12.4 ppg). Junior guard Jennifer Howard was named to the second-team CoSIDA Academic All-America Team and she earned FMU's Debra Lee Orander Swamp Fox Academic Award.

Men's Cross Country

The Patriots placed fifth at the Peach Belt Championship meet and 13th at the NCAA Division II South Region Meet. Four of the five runners recorded personal best times during the season, with three-time team M.V.P. Ryan Plexico posting the 15th-best time in school history and the fastest since 1984.

Women's Cross Country

The Patriot women placed eighth at the PBC meet. All eight of the team members posted career-best times during the year, led by team M.V.P. Nicole Hoepfner, who recorded the fastest time (19:10) in the history of the program.

Golf

Despite finishing eighth at the NCAA Division II Southeast Regional Tournament, the past year was a successful one for first-year head coach Mark Gaynor's charges. The Patriots compiled a 108-55-6 record and won the program's third Peach Belt Conference Tournament title.

Senior Fredrik Ohlsson led the Patriots in stroke average (73.3) and earned All-Peach Belt and All-America honors for the third straight year.

Men's Soccer

FMU finished the 2003 year 9-10-0, with five of the losses being by one goal. Senior forward Ben Chavolla and sophomore back Mike Greenaway were both named to the All-PBC squad, with Greenaway later earning third-team All-Region honors. Chavolla led the Patriots with 14 goals, equaling the seventh-highest season total in team history.

Women's Soccer

The Patriot women ended 2003 with an 11-7-1 record and an appearance in the Peach Belt Tournament semifinals (where the squad lost to the nation's second-ranked team and eventual national champion), after tying for fourth during the PBC regular season. Senior forward Katie Roberts and senior back Jessica Skarzinski were both named to the All-PBC squad for the fourth time, a first for PBC women's soccer. Roberts ended her playing days as the school's career leader in goals (47), assists (35), and points (129), while also holding the PBC career marks for assists and points and sharing the career record for goals. Roberts also earned second-team All-Region recognition and was selected to the third-team Scholar All-America Team for the second straight year.

Women's Softball

The Patriots recorded a 37-17 mark, placed fourth during the PBC regular season, and finished third at the Peach Belt Conference Tournament. FMU narrowly missed earning its first-ever bid to the NCAA Division II national tournament, while winning 16 of its final 19 games, including a 6-3 upset of top-ranked Kennesaw State University in the PBC Tournament. The team's 37 wins are the third-most in the program's history, and FMU compiled a program-best 12 conference wins. Junior center fielder Betsy Bouknight earned both All-PBC and All-Region honors.

Men's Tennis

FMU ended the 2004 season ranked 25th with an 11-12 record, that included

four losses by 5-4 decisions. Nine of the team's losses were to nationally ranked opponents. Freshman Chatwinder Singh was named the team's M.V.P. after compiling a 15-4 record at the No. 2 singles, including 11 consecutive wins to close the season, and a 13-9 doubles mark at the No. 1 slot. He ranked 39th among Division II singles players and 14th (with Kevin Taylor) in doubles.

Women's Tennis

The Patriots ended the year with a 7-13 record, with all but one of the losses coming at the hands of nationally ranked opponents. Freshman Kamini Murugaboopathy was named the team's M.V.P. after posting a 10-8 mark at No. 1 singles and a 5-14 record at No. 1 doubles.

Men's Track & Field

The Patriot men placed fifth at the 2004 Carolinas Intercollegiate Championship Meet. Junior Ryan Plexico was selected the men's M.V.P. for the second time in two years. He won the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the South Carolina Championships, and was second in the event at the Carolinas Championships, while placing third in the 5,000-meters at both meets. In the team's three scored meets, Plexico led FMU in points.

Women's Track & Field

FMU placed sixth at the Carolinas Intercollegiate Championship Meet. Junior Shante Merriweather was named the team M.V.P. after leading the team in scoring, while competing in the hammer, discus, and shot put. At the Carolinas Championships, she won the hammer throw with a toss of 98.05, and placed seventh in the discus.

Volleyball

Francis Marion finished the year 11-24. Middlehitter Lezlie Logan was named the PBC Co-Freshman of the Year, while teammate Jackie Ackman was selected to the second-team CoSIDA Academic All-District Team for the second consecutive year. FMU was 10-0 when winning the first game of the match. The Patriots will enter the 2004 campaign only eight victories shy of 600 in the program's history.

Dear FMU Alumni:

As the weather grows more beautiful every day, I can't help but want to be outside; and what better place to enjoy a walk along picturesque ponds, enjoying the flowers and trees, than FMU's campus! One of my favorite things to do is to share all that FMU has to offer with my own children.

My daughter and son are only small, but I've made a point of taking them to FMU basketball games and picnics. My daughter loves to watch the cheerleaders on the sidelines, and yells "Go, Patriots" as the athletes hit the courts. My son's sense of freedom soars as his little feet take off on a run on the wide-open grass near Smith University Center. This February, we had such fun at Homecoming... getting our faces painted, jumping in the giant moon walk, and having our old-time Western-style photo taken. Homecoming at FMU is not just a time for students and graduates; it is a time for students, graduates and their families. I saw so many families spending time together, celebrating FMU and the role it has played in their lives and the lives of people they love.

As a member of the Alumni Association, I have the benefit of being aware of these and many more events. Membership in the Alumni Association has kept me focused on FMU as a source of entertainment and fellowship not only for myself, but for my whole family. Many of FMU's 14,000 graduates live in the Pee Dee area, and so many have children and grandchildren who can benefit from spending time at FMU. Perhaps you're a graduate who does not have children... share FMU with a friend, or even a friend's teenage son or daughter. Your visits to FMU may influence that young person's perception about college, and may even influence their life-decisions.



Cathy Lee with daughter, Margaret, age 5, and son, R.J., age 18 months.

I encourage you to join the Alumni Association, if you have not already, and come out to an event at FMU. From FMU's sports and arts programs, to special events such as Art's Alive, Pee Dee International Festival, and Homecoming, your opportunities to make FMU part of your family's own traditions are countless.

Sincerely,

Cathy Lee, B.A. '87
President, FMU Alumni Association

Alumni Event



Craig Alberty provided entertainment.

On March 29, the Alumni Association hosted "Alumni Night" at The Cottage for Marion county graduates. It was the first in a series of "Alumni Nights" to be hosted at FMU's faculty/alumni house. Alumni enjoyed getting



From left: Julian Young '76, Alumni Association Secretary/treasurer; Darrell Jameson '95, '02 and Brandi Cook '96, '02.



From left: Cathy Lee '87, Alumni Association president, Dr. Shirley Bausmith '91, '94, Sims Godbold '96 and Lorene Godbold '97.

to know each other over heavy hors d'oeuvres while Craig Alberty, FMU's director of instrumental activities and coordinator of the university's music program, performed.



Brandi Cook tours Russian schools

By Todd J. Hudak

Teacher and FMU alumna Brandi Cook traveled to Russia in December on a 13-day study tour to observe economics education in the country's schools.

Cook graduated from FMU with a history degree in 1996 and returned to earn a master's degree in social studies education in 2002. She has been a government and economics teacher at Marion High School for the past seven years.

After a two-day orientation in Washington, D.C., Cook and 11 other educators from across the country took a 10-hour flight to the world's largest country, where they visited schools in Nizhny Novgorod and Moscow. The American contingent observed how Russian economics teachers are trained.

"Russia did not teach economics until 10 years ago," said Cook, so economics teachers from the U.S. and other countries have been training Russian educators.

The trip was put together through GATE, the Global Alliance of Teachers of Economics, of which Cook is a member. The U.S. Department of Education paid for the trip. She heard about the opportunity through an e-mail from GATE, and was one of only 12 teachers nationwide selected for the honor from more than 40 applicants. FMU economics professor Jeff Pompe wrote a letter of recommendation for Cook, who was the only teacher from South Carolina chosen. Other states represented included Texas, Oregon, Michigan and Wisconsin.

The trip marked the fifth time the 30-year-old from the Evergreen community of Florence County has been overseas. She took her first trip abroad, to visit a relative in Norway, while in the third grade. "I love to travel," she said.

Prior to the Russian excursion, her most recent trip to Europe was with 24 students last year. The group visited London, Paris and Berlin. Ironically, Cook has never traveled west of the Mississippi. "I would like to travel more in the U.S., but it hasn't worked out yet," she said.

Marion is one of the poorest counties in the state, and Cook has encountered students there who have never even been to the beach.

"I like to travel anyway, but being able to bring the experience to students provides avenues for

discussion in the classroom," she said.

In Russia, school is mandatory only through the ninth grade. Grades 10 and 11 are for students who plan to go on to college. Other students either begin working or join the military. "Their school system is so much different than ours," Cook said.

There are no programs for students with special needs and very few schools have computers. Russian students, Cook said, are far more respectful of their teachers than are American students. "They stand up to answer questions in class."

However, Russian teachers still face many of the same problems as their American counterparts. "They have had problems with students text messaging answers to each other on their cell phones during tests," Cook said.

She said one of the common misconceptions about Russians is that they dislike Americans. "The average Russian does not hate the U.S.," Cook said. She added that even though the fall of communism has brought capitalistic problems such as unemployment and homelessness to Russia, most citizens, particularly the younger generation, do not want to go back to the old form of government.

Cook said she learned about life under communism by talking with the study tour's interpreter, Olga Reba. As a young woman studying in England as part of an exchange program, Reba was told by the Soviets to keep to herself. But she fell in love with an English man and wanted to marry him. The Soviets threatened that if she did, her parents and other relatives would all lose their jobs.

"At the end of a conversation like that, what do you say?" Cook said.

She said that on the flight home, the passengers included businesspeople, Americans seeking to adopt Russian children, and Russian immigrants. "When the plane landed, they (immigrants) literally cheered," Cook said.

Cook gave a report about her experiences in Russia to her school administration and board. She says she plans to continue to travel "as much as possible" and hopes to visit Italy next year.



Brandi Cook

FMU alum named finalist for S.C. Teacher of the Year



Ruth Taylor

Francis Marion University alumna Ruth Fender Taylor, a chemistry and environmental science teacher at Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology in Darlington County, was named one of

five finalists for S.C. Teacher of the Year.

Taylor earned a bachelor's degree in biology from FMU in 1989 and a master's degree in 1993. She has been teaching for 13 years and is National Board-certified.

As a child, Taylor loved science. As an adult, she still enjoys what her students call "playing" – inquiring, investigating, experimenting and ultimately learning. Her teaching style begins with parental involvement, and her greatest accomplishments have come through collaborating with other faculty and community members.

Because she learns best by using her hands to manipulate items, that's how she teaches. Through her "out-of-the-box" classroom approach, even students who identified themselves as "not good at science" have been surprised to enjoy and even understand difficult topics. The student faces that beam when the desired results are achieved are daily reminders

that the memories will remain long after the laws of science have faded.

The announcement of South Carolina's 2004-05 Teacher of the Year was made at the Teacher of the Year Banquet May 7 in Columbia. During the next school year, that teacher will take a classroom sabbatical to serve as a statewide ambassador for the profession. South Carolina's new Teacher of the Year also will receive a \$25,000 cash award, a BMW Z-4 to use for a year, a laptop computer and a set of Michelin tires for her personal vehicle.

The four remaining finalists, or Honor Roll teachers, will receive \$10,000 each, a laptop computer and a set of Michelin tires.

Barrineau wins Milken teaching award

Cliff Barrineau '80 was recently named a "National Educator" by the Milken Family Foundation, which recognizes "exceptional teachers, principals and other specialists who are furthering excellence in (the) nation's schools."

Barrineau teaches math at Hand Middle School and Dreher High School in Richland District 1. He graduated from FMU with a bachelor's degree in math, and went on to earn master's and doctoral degrees in education administration and math from the University of South Carolina.

He is a National Board Certified Teacher and coaches Hand's award-winning "Math Counts" team and Dreher's state championship SAT team. Among his colleagues, Barrineau is

known for sacrificing his planning periods and lunch breaks to help students.

The Lake City native was nominated for the award by the State Department of Education, which seeks nominees among South Carolina schools. He was recognized during a surprise assembly at Hand in October. The award comes with a \$25,000 prize, which Barrineau says he will put toward his children's college tuition.

Barrineau's wife, Jude, a fourth-grade teacher at Meadowfield Elementary School, is also an FMU alum. They have three children: Patrick, a Dreher sophomore; Chas, a fifth-grader at Meadowfield; and Gracie, a kindergartner at Brockman Elementary.

Alvarez receives Young Leader Award

Paula Holmes Alvarez, was selected by the South Carolina Council of Teachers of English to receive the 2003-2004 Young Leader Award. This award recognizes teachers with 1-5 years of experience in the classroom who demonstrate exceptional leadership potential in the profession.

Paula teaches language arts at Hartsville High School and is a teacher consultant with the Swamp Fox Writing Project. As part of the award, Paula received a stipend to attend the National Council of Teachers of English annual conference in November 2003, where she and 49 other recipients of the Young Leader Award (one per state) were recognized. Paula's goal, as the first SCCTE Young Leader, is to begin a SCCTE affiliate in the Pee Dee region. She sits on the SCCTE Advisory Board for one year, as well.

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What can you do with a liberal arts degree?

Since its founding nearly 50 years ago, Francis Marion University's main objective has been providing a strong liberal arts education. With today's competitive job market, many prospective college students think they will be better prepared for employment if they either focus on technical, teaching or business training or get a higher degree. However, a liberal arts foundation is more valuable than many students think.

A survey by Peter G. Beidler, a professor of English at Lehigh University, gathered information on the university's English graduates and what they were doing with their degrees.

The graduates said they valued the writing and critical-thinking skills they developed more than anything else they had learned as English majors.

Beidler found that English graduates

"are doing all sorts of interesting and rewarding work out there and are certain that having majored in English helps them both get and do their jobs."

English is only one of the liberal arts degree programs at Francis Marion University. The College of Liberal Arts also offers programs in biology, chemistry, fine arts, history, geography, mass communication, mathematics, modern languages, philosophy and religion, physics and astronomy, political science, psychology, and sociology.

Graduates of FMU's College of Liberal Arts have a wide variety of careers, from TV and theatre production to the ministry to helping at-risk youth. We asked some graduates of the college to share how a liberal arts foundation helped shape their careers.

Matthew Miller

Born in:
Anderson
Resides in:
San Francisco
Degrees:
Theatre Arts,
1993; M.Ed.
from Con-
verse College;
M.F.A. from
the University
of North



Carolina at Chapel Hill

Occupation: assistant professor and production manager for the Theatre Department at San Francisco State University; also does freelance scenic and lighting design for theatre in the Bay Area. After graduating from FMU, Matthew obtained a master's degree in education from Converse College and taught high school in the Greenville area for 5 years. He then earned an M.F.A. degree from UNC Chapel Hill, and taught briefly at LaGrange College in Georgia before moving to San Francisco about a year ago. He currently teaches courses in technical theatre and design, lighting and stage management.

What has your liberal arts degree done for you? "It absolutely prepared me" for both further education and his career, Matthew said. "My liberal arts degree gave me a wide array of experiences. I may use notes from a history class I took in designing a set for a historical play. I use math all the time in lighting design. Theatre is a career that encompasses everything about life, and a liberal arts education provides a great foundation."

"(FMU theatre professor) David Granath was a great role model. When I was a student, I thought, 'I want to be David Granath.' I wanted to teach, act and build things. I looked up to him, and now I do exactly what he did."

Diane DeV Vaughn Stokes

Born in: New Jersey
Resides in: Myrtle Beach
Degree: English, 1973
Occupation: president, Stages Video Productions

Stokes and her husband, Chuck, founded Stages, which produces TV commercials and marketing videos, in 1989.

Diane has been hosting and producing television shows since 1973 for WBTW-TV13, WPDE-TV15, Cox Cable, and Time Warner. She has been a spokesperson for hundreds of television commercials throughout the Carolinas and Georgia. For outstanding service in the field of advertising, The Coastal Advertising and Marketing Professionals awarded her the prestigious "Silver Medal Award" in 1994. She has also won Addy Awards for commercial and video production and is a professional emcee and speaker.

What has your liberal arts degree done for you? "Francis Marion opened a lot of doors for me to become a spokesperson." Diane had planned to transfer to USC's journalism school after two years, but then FMU became a four-year school. "After two years, I didn't want to

leave. I fell in love with FMU. It has been a wonderful decision."

While a student, she was a spokesperson for FMU, appearing on TV and radio promoting the university. Upon graduation, she went to work at WOLS radio in Florence and hosted a program with Doug Williams. She also worked as director of sales and marketing for the Holiday Inns of Florence, and as a host and producer for WPDE-TV15, before starting Stages with her husband. She is in her 20th year of hosting the TV show "Southern Style," which appears in Horry, Georgetown and Williamsburg counties. She said she loves her career and "can't imagine doing anything else." Diane said a liberal arts background provides a well-rounded education and the critical skills to excel in any field. "You can never go wrong majoring in English or liberal arts. It can benefit any career."



Brad Land

Born in: Conway

Resides in: Wilmington, N.C. and Conway

Degree: English, 1998; M.F.A. in creative writing, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Occupation: author. First book, "Goat: A Memoir," published by Random House in February.

The book describes how at age 18 Brad is abducted, beaten, and dumped on the side of the road after a party in Florence. To try to recover emotionally and "fit in" again, he joins his brother at Clemson University where they pledge Kappa Sigma fraternity. Instead of healing, Brad's worst memories are brought back as he endures brutal hazing. Brad and his brother eventually quit the fraternity and leave Clemson.

"Goat" has received rave reviews and has been featured in many publications, including *GQ*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Newsweek*, *New York Times Book Review*, *New York Magazine*, *Men's Journal*, and *Elle*. The attention, Brad says, "is pretty weird."

He describes his book as a coming-of age story that deals with "violence of all different kinds" and about his relationship with his brother. "I never felt it was a 'hazing' or 'frat' book, but I understand the attention" paid to that angle.

Brad has just finished a novel about a boy and a girl, both 16, who run away from their home in Charleston. "Things quickly go bad," Brad said. He is also working on other writing projects.

What has your liberal arts degree done for you? "It's obviously played a huge part in my career. Most of the creative, inspiring people I know have studied the liberal arts." Brad said he got his first creative writing experience at FMU. Rebecca Flannagan was a big influence. "Even though I wasn't in a class of hers, she took the time out to help me out of the goodness of her heart."

Brad said he also learned a lot from other English professors including Ken Autrey, Jon Tuttle and Lynn Kostoff. "They have always been majorly supportive. I wouldn't have (written this book) without them."



Chris Morgan

Born in: Pamplico

Resides in: Williamstown, Ky.

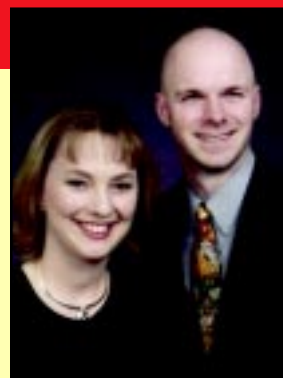
Degrees: Psychology and math, 1994; Master of Divinity, Asbury Seminary; Master of Philosophy in Hebrew and cognate studies from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion; plans to pursue a Ph.D. in ancient near Eastern studies from Hebrew Union.

Occupation: ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. Chris and his wife, Melinda, were co-winners of the Blackwell Award for the highest grade-point average when they graduated in 1994. They were married in December of their senior year. After teaching math for several years, Melinda is now a stay-at-home mom for their three children, Michaela, 6; Matteson, 3; and Zachary, 10 months. She is also a member of the local school board.

Chris is in his third year as a full-time parish minister in the United Methodist Church. His graduate studies involve exploring the literary, cultural and historical setting of the Hebrew bible, known to Christians as the Old Testament. After obtaining a Ph.D., he hopes to become a professor of Hebrew studies.

What has your liberal arts degree done for you? "After graduating from FMU, I was very well-prepared for further academic work." Chris said studying psychology has been very helpful in his pastoral counseling, and that he still consults the psychology textbooks he used at FMU.

He also said the knowledge of literature and literary criticism he gained at FMU has been "enormously helpful" to him in his graduate studies. "Perhaps the single most formative event in my writing style development was a Shakespeare paper that I wrote for Dr. (Linda) Jacobs. She sat down with me for 20 minutes, and it is amazing that I still remember what I learned from that session when I am writing." Chris added that the research skills he learned at FMU have been invaluable.



Dede Smith

Born in: Sumter; grew up in Florence

Resides in: Big Bear Lake, Calif.

Degrees: French, minor in Spanish, 1974; master's degrees in special education and educational administration from California State University – San Bernardino

Occupation: teacher of emotionally disturbed, behavior disordered and learning disabled boys for the Hesperia Unified School District; former Hollywood music and film producer and owner of DD and Associates production company.

Upon graduation from FMU, Dede taught French and Spanish in Darlington for five years, before moving to California to get involved in the entertainment industry. She owned a production company for 18 years and worked with touring musical artists such as the Judds and Wayne Newton. She also worked in

commercials and print ads, and gave lectures nationwide on how to get into the entertainment industry. Dede eventually decided to go back into teaching.

For the past seven years, she has taught students who are at risk of being removed from the school system. "Most of my students will end up in mental health facilities or correctional facilities. But I'm doing what I love. If I can change one life, I feel like I've really made a difference."

What has your liberal arts degree done for you? "When I was at FMU, we had 950 students. There were a handful who did everything. I learned to multi-task really well. It prepared me to juggle so many activities at the same time. I didn't realize I was a student because I was so active in everything else."



FMU presents alumni awards

Francis Marion University presented its 2003-2004 alumni awards at an Alumni Appreciation Dinner, Feb. 19.

The **Outstanding Alumnus** is 1979 School of Business graduate **Hal Campbell**. This award was chosen by the Alumni Association's Past Presidents' Council. Campbell is the president and CEO of ACS Technologies of Florence (formerly Computer Dimensions), a provider of software and services to faith-based organizations.

Founded in 1978, ACS is the country's leading producer of administrative software for churches, private schools, and nonprofits. With 300 employees and more than 12,000 clients nationwide, ACS serves clients primarily through its main product, Automated Church Systems.

In 2002, the owners of ACS (Hal Campbell, Billy Campbell, Marvin Owen, and Tom Rogers) were named South Carolina's Small Business Persons of the Year.

Hal was a finalist for the Carolinas Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award for 2002-2003. In 1994, he was presented the FMU School of Business Outstanding Graduate Award, and in 1996, he was recognized as one of the 25 Distinguished Alumni by the Alumni Association in celebration of the university's 25th anniversary.

A past president of the FMU Alumni Association, Hal continually supports his alma mater in a variety of ways, including serving as secretary of the FMU Foundation and employing a significant number of FMU graduates.

The **Benjamin Wall Ingram III Young Alumnus** is 1995 biology graduate **Surgener Crawford**. She completed further studies at Emory University, Howard University, the University of South Carolina, and Mercer University. She holds a master's degree in healthcare administration and policy and a doctoral degree in health administration and research.

Currently, Crawford is the Southeast region medical consultant for the pharmaceutical firm Adventis. Prior to that, she was assistant director of continuing physician medical education and public health for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Before that, she served as assistant administrator for Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health.

Crawford has assisted FMU by serving as a recruiting partner with the Alumni-in-Admissions program. She has been helpful in generating interest among alumni in the Atlanta area.

The **Alumni Volunteer of the Year** is



Cathy Lee with award winners Devenney Mazell, Hal Campbell and Fred Carter. Surgener Crawford was unable to attend the dinner.

Devenney Mazell, a 1984 political science graduate. This award was chosen by the Alumni Association's executive officers and Alumni Office staff.

Mazell serves as a contact for S.C. Lowcountry-area alumni events. She is a past member of the Alumni Advisory Board and currently volunteers as a recruiting partner for the Alumni-in-Admissions program.

Since graduation, Mazell has served as an unofficial "alumni ambassador," sacrificing her personal time to drive to campus from Charleston to provide tours for prospective students throughout the year. She has personally recruited many students for Francis Marion University.

Currently, Mazell is a child development teaching assistant at Windsor Hill Elementary School in Dorchester County. Recently, she was recognized as a finalist for Classified Employee of the Year. Prior to this, she spent 17 years in the restaurant business. She is a faithful supporter of Alumni Association activities and volunteer programs.

Edwards named School of Business Outstanding Alumnus

T. Graham Edwards has been named the Francis Marion University School of Business Outstanding Alumnus for 2004.

The award was presented during a breakfast on March 19.

Edwards, a native of Cheraw, graduated from FMU in 1975 with a B.S. degree in business administration. He also earned an M.B.A. from The Citadel.

Edwards currently works as an executive consultant, representing various companies in the electric utility industry. He also serves as chairman of the Santee Cooper Board of Directors.

He served as vice president of business affairs at FMU from January to June in 2001 and executive director of the FMU

Foundation from July 2001 to January 2002.

Prior to coming to FMU, Edwards worked at Santee Cooper for 23 years. He began working for Santee Cooper in 1977 in the management training program and later served as supervisor for corporate forecasting, vice president of finance, and executive vice president and chief financial officer, before being named president and chief executive officer in 1993.

Edwards was one of three CEOs who started the Energy Authority, a wholesale energy marketing and trading company that has been a model for public power.

Edwards was named FMU's outstand-



Graham Edwards and Barry O'Brien at the awards ceremony.

ing alumnus in 1994. He and his wife, Dinah (also a 1975 graduate), have one daughter, Courtney, who is an FMU alumna.

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1971

Anthony "Tony" Watkins was elected mayor of Darlington in November 2003 and took office on Jan. 6, 2004.

1972

Larry Monahan is principal at JV Martin Junior High School in Dillon School District 2.

1974

Dr. Sharon Moore Askins '74, '76 will be an assistant professor in FMU's School of Education in August 2004. Dr. Askins just completed her second year as a principal leader for the State Department of Education after working as a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent in Florence County School District 3 for 27 years.

1975

Michael C. Beckham recently received an award in recognition of 25 years of service from the U.S. Postal Service.

C. Denise McGee is married to Butch McGee and lives in Aiken. She just completed 28 years of teaching first grade. She taught 14 years at Savannah Grove Elementary and the last 14 years at Redcliffe Elementary.

Woody Monahan is principal at East Elementary School in Dillon School District 2.

1976

Sharon "Sherry" Barnhill was recognized as the 2003 S.C. Rural Teacher of the Year and the Florence County Teacher of the Year for 2003-2004. Sherry is a teacher at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School.

Dr. Mary E. Barton traveled to Shanghai, China, in June to conduct the international biennial conference of the Western Academy of Management. Her husband, B.T. Mayes, is president of the academy. Mary serves as a member of the program committee. Approximately 125-150 management professors from all over the world attended.

Wanda Lynn Rushing and Barry Wayne Jones were married Oct. 4, 2003, in a courtyard garden ceremony. Wanda is a federal programs coordinator for the S.C. Department of Education in Columbia. Barry is the state representative for Musco Sports Lighting of Iowa. They reside in Columbia.

1976

Maretta Weston, a teacher at Hemingway High School, met standards for National Board certification on Nov. 21. Maretta earned her master's degree in elementary education from FMU. She earned 30 hours above the master in educational administration from the University of South Carolina, where she also completed the educational specialist degree.

1978

Nelda Daniel Fields, FHFMA, CMPE has joined the regional CPA



Nelda Fields

and consulting firm WebsterRogers LLP as a healthcare consultant, providing services for physician practices and other healthcare providers. She has worked many years in the healthcare profession, most recently as the practice administrator for S.C. Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Center in Charleston. She has also been affiliated with Roper CareAlliance Health System as department director, admissions, registration, and scheduling, and the Medical University of South Carolina as director of outpatient accounting. Nelda was recently awarded the Certified Medical Practice Executive designation from the American College of Medical Practice Executives.

Dr. James C. Garand, the Emogine Pliner Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Louisiana State University, was elected president of the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) at the SPSA's annual meeting in New Orleans Jan. 8-10, 2004. James will serve as SPSA President until January 2005.

John Nichols was appointed as an associate member of the S.C. Board of Law Examiners.

1980

Michael Harold Hill and his wife, Jonnie, announce the birth of a daughter, Jonnie Michelle, Sept. 22, 2003. Michael is a contractor and owns Hill Builders Inc., of Evergreen.

James A. Blake Jr. was named principal of Northwestern High School in July 2003. James is a

former Teacher of the Year and Region II-AAAA Track Coach of the Year at Northwestern. His educational experience includes teaching, coaching, and sponsoring clubs at Marion High School, Williston-Elko High School, and Northwestern High School. He received his master's degree in secondary school administration and supervision from Winthrop University.

Suzanne Dawsey '80, '83 is associate vice president of the general and technical education division at Florence-Darlington Technical College. Her work experience includes five years as human resources development manager at Arvin Meritor, two years as director of programs at PSI Consulting, and ten years as director of special services with Marion School District 1. She most recently served as FDT's director of business and industry liaison.

1982

Freddie T. Andrews is employed as sales support specialist for ADP Tax Credit Services in Florence and Atlanta, Ga. She is also an instructor at the Florence branch for Limestone College's business department.

Faye Brewer joined Sonitrol Security Systems of Charleston Inc. as controller in November 2003.

1984

Dr. Henry Neal Cook has opened a practice in Florence solely devoted to overweight and obese adults. He is a bariatrician, a weight management specialist, offering safe, medically supervised treatment.

Arthur "Artie" Hamann is in his eighth year of teaching history and physical education to boys who are wards of the state at the Doland Education Center in Doland, Ill., Artie and his wife, Madelene, have a daughter, Isabella Faith. Madelene works part-time as a surgical nurse at Beloit Memorial Hospital in Beloit, Wis.

1985

Dr. Michael L. Daniel joined the Department of Teaching and Learning at Georgia Southern as assistant professor of special education beginning fall 2003. Prior to Georgia Southern, he served as the training coordinator for the Youth with Disabilities and Employment Success (YES) grant at the Institute for Disability Studies at the University of Southern Mississippi.

1986

Patressa Gardner is director of business and industry liaison for Florence-Darlington Technical College.

1988

Cheryl Lynch Sherman and her husband, James, celebrated 10 years of marriage in May. They have two daughters, Kristal and Ruby, and they live in Scranton.

1989

Michael and Melissa Brown announce the birth of their second child, Courtney Nicole, Jan. 10, 2002

Debbie Gandy has achieved Cendant Mobility Inventory Specialist certification, Marketing Specialist and Referral Specialist. These two-year certificates are part of the Certified Agent Advantage program, a professional standard available exclusively to members of the Cendant Mobility Principal Broker Network.

1990

William J. Breazeale has been promoted to the rank of major and reassigned as the operations officer of 2/323 Regiment, 108th Division (Instructional Training) in the United States Army Reserve. Will served four years in the active Army and nine years in the Army Reserve. He is an airline pilot for Airtran Airways.

Heather Hardman Flowers, CPA has joined the Florence office of WebsterRogers LLP as an audit senior. She is working toward a master's degree from the University of North Florida.

Terri Rodgers Herbold and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of a son, John Rodgers "Jack", Sept. 15, 2003.



Jack Herbold

Jack has a brother, Alexander, and sister, Caroline. The Herbolds live in San Antonio, Texas.

John Rogers Kirven and Tammy Sarvis Broach were married Jan. 31, 2004. John is an attorney with the Kirven Law Firm. Tammy is a radiological technologist with Carolinas Hospital System. They reside in Florence.

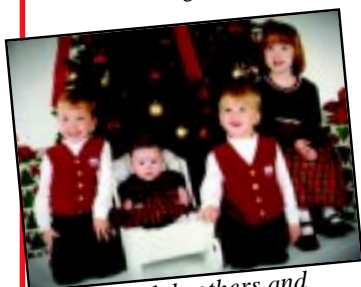
1991

Terry Alexander was named chairman of Florence County Council on Jan. 15, 2004.

Kym Sheleta China and O'Neal Rush Jr. were married Sept. 13, 2003, at Swan Lake Iris Gardens in Sumter. Kym is employed by the Social Security Administration. O'Neal works for Nucor, Inc.

Emily Howle Jordan '91, '94 is a sixth grade teacher at Greenwood Elementary in Florence. She and her husband, Mark, have four children: Keena (18), Matthew (7), Luke (4), and Jonathan (2). They reside in Florence.

Tony Golembesky and Sharon Riggs Golembesky '92 announce the birth of a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, on Aug. 8, 2003.



Rachel, with brothers and sister.

They also have two sons, Luke and Jacob, and a daughter, Katherine, all age three (triplets).

Laura E. Stroman, e-Pro, GRI, was recently appointed by Gov. Mark Sanford to the Advisory Committee to



Laura Stroman

Study the Goals of the Commission on Women. Laura is vice president of member services and education for the S.C. Association of Realtors. She was broker/manager for Century 21 Richardson Realty Inc. in Florence for more than 11 years. Laura is past president and Realtor of the Year for the Realtor Association of the Greater Pee Dee. She also served as Region 5 vice president and on the S.C. Association of Realtors (S.C.A.R.) Executive Committee. She is a graduate of the inaugural Leadership SCAR class of 2000. In 2000, she joined the S.C.A.R. staff to head up the Professional Development division and serve as liaison for the Leadership SCAR program.

1992

Steve O. Camlin was selected as S.C. Charter Schools Teacher of the Year for 2004. He is a teacher of at-risk students ages 12 to 17 years for

the "CHOICES" Charter School of Florence and Darlington counties. Previously, he was employed for 12 years with Florence School District 1.

Candye Kirby Brooks is director of Florence-Darlington Technical College's Mullins Technology Center in Mullins.

Rhonda N. Brown earned National Board Certification in 2003. She is a math teacher at Latta High School.

Sharon Riggs Golembesky and Tony Golembesky '91 announce the birth of a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, on Aug. 8, 2003. They also have two sons, Luke and Jacob, and a daughter, Katherine, all age three (triplets).

Wendy H. Watts, assistant director of financial aid at Central Carolina Technical College, was presented the 2003-2004 South Carolina Technical Education Association Educator of the Year State Award—Staff Category.

1993



The Hinsons in Russia.

James Arthur Hinson and Terri McCall Hinson '94 recently adopted a daughter from Ulyanovsk, Russia.

Natalie Grace Hinson was born July 15, 2002, and was adopted by the Hinsons on Feb. 26, 2003. The family resides in Society Hill.

Angela Kellie Rasberry and Freddie Pooladsanj were married Sept. 13, 2003, at Royal Lane Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Kellie is employed by Premiere Radio Network. Freddie is owner of Freddie Poole's Martial Fitness. They live in Dallas.

1994

Fowler McPherson Laney and Dana Lynne Hinson were married at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Florence on Sept. 6, 2003. Fowler is employed with Roche Carolina, Inc. and Dana is a self-employed hair designer. They live in Florence.

Dorothy "Dot" Lee is business manager for First Freewill Baptist Church and Maranatha School of Florence. She was formerly employed with Trayco.

1995

Ted Banning and his wife, Ann, announce the birth of a son, Walter Edward, Sept. 19, 2003. They live in Washington, W.Va.

Andrew Jackson earned his doctorate of chiropractic with magna cum laude honor on Dec. 13, 2003, from Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg. He has opened Jackson Family Chiropractic in Hartsville.

1996

Robin Lee Dowse Jr. and Elisabeth (Lisa) R. Johnston were married Feb. 28, 2004. Robin is employed with Stokes Eye Center in Florence where they reside.

1997

Louis Bradley Bairefoot and Elanya Kay Quick were married Nov. 22, 2003 in Wallace. Louis is a chemist for Far Research in Palm Bay, Fla. Elanya earned a master's degree in library and information science. She is head of reference for the Eau Gallie Public Library in Melbourne, Fla. They live in West Melbourne, Fla.

Robert G. Lanier and Melanie Nicole Moody were wed on February 21, 2004. They live in Darlington.

Phyllis McClure-Graham has changed careers after 20 years in the healthcare profession. She is special education teacher at Mt. Herman Exceptional Child Center in Jacksonville, Fla.

Kristin Anne O'Neal and Dr. Michael Paul Cruskie Jr. were married at sunset Sept. 27, 2003, on the beach in Key West, Fla. Kristin earned a master's degree in technology in education from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. Michael earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Florida. He is employed with Irix Pharmaceuticals Inc. They reside in Florence.

1998

Carmen Leigh McCormick and Laurie William Driggers III were married Sept. 13, 2003, at Marion Baptist Church. Carmen is a histologist at Danville Regional Medical Center in Virginia. Laurie is a procurement forester with Georgia Pacific Corporation. They reside in Penhook, Va.

Sarah Elizabeth Rainwater and Ricky Justin Hardee '02 were married Aug. 16, 2003. Sarah is employed by Sysco Food Services of Columbia. Ricky is employed by Farm Bureau Insurance Company. They reside in Florence.

Christy Leigh Rabon and Charles Heath Ruffner were married Oct. 4, 2003 in Florence. She is employed by the Law Office of D. Laurence McIntosh. Charles is a

graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law and is employed by the firm of Harris, McLeod, and Ruffner. They live in Cheraw.

Kacithia L. Wright received a second bachelor's degree. She earned a bachelor of science in sports management with a minor in business from the University of South Carolina in May 2003.

1999

Matthew G. Bram is a licensed practicing counselor at McLeod Behavioral Health Services and has worked with MBHS since 1996. In September 2003, Addiction Professional magazine featured an article by Matthew and James A. Holder. The article, titled "The Magic of Metaphors in Memories: An Adlerian Based Method of Treating Addictions" supports a unique approach to prevention, intervention, and treatment of addictions.

Alice Lee Eaddy and Brian Dale Rockwell were married May 22, 1999. They live in Chapin.

Jason D. Newton is assistant vice president of Carolina First. He joined the bank in October 2003. Prior to that, he was employed by Wachovia Bank as a financial specialist.

2000

David Clifton Berry and Kyndall Denise King were married July 19, 2003. David is an account executive for Lyles Data Systems.

Mary Susan Breeden performed the national anthem at the Diamond Hill Plywood Company 200 Busch Series Race at Darlington Raceway, on March 21, 2004. She has performed in numerous play productions, as well as at different festivals and weddings around the country. Mary Susan is a public relations and marketing director for Diamond Hill Plywood Company.

Lewis Douglas Carter Jr. and Katina Lynette Melton were married Nov. 15, 2003. Both Lewis and Katina are registered nurses in the emergency department of McLeod Regional Medical Center. They live in Evergreen.

Brad Allison Drawdy and Holly Leigh Kinsey '02 were married July 19, 2003. Brad is a math teacher and football/baseball coach at Hannah-Pamplico High School. Holly is employed by Vocational Rehabilitation. They live in Pamplico.

Kimberly Denise Gandy and Kevin Michael Keeney were married Jan. 24, 2004. Kimberly is a pharmacy automation administrator

for McLeod Regional Medical Center. Kevin is employed with the media department of Palmetto Health Systems. They live in Cayce.

Miriam Elizabeth Howard and Joe Bennett Floyd Jr. were married Oct. 18, 2003, at Kelleytown Baptist Church in Green Sea. Miriam is employed by the SC. Department of Probation, Parole & Pardon Services in Conway. Joe is employed by the Horry County Sheriff's Office. They live in Green Sea.

Gregory Brandon Johnson and Stacie Nicole Tallon were married in Florence on Oct. 25, 2003, at First Baptist Church. Gregory is employed by Florence County and Stacie is a registered nurse with McLeod Regional Medical Center. They live in Florence.

Lori Michelle Kwist and Jeffrey John Maczko were married Aug. 16, 2003, at Summerville Presbyterian Church. Lori is pursuing an education degree. Jeffrey is employed by Roche Carolina Inc. They live in Florence.

Andrea Michelle Mullins and Franklin Overton Hendley were married Sept. 27, 2003 in Cheraw. Andrea is an office administrator for AM&P Inc. Franklin is a partner with Hendley and Associates, CPA. They live in Cheraw.

Tiffany Nicole Streett and Marion Curry Belk II were married at Darlington Presbyterian Church on Oct. 11, 2003. Tiffany is employed by Ard Trucking Company Inc. Marion is employed with Belk Funeral Home. They live in Darlington.

Nathan James Wall Jr. and Jessica Marie Smith were married Sept. 6, 2003, at Mauldin United Methodist Church. Nathan is employed with First Savers Bank and Jessica is employed by Nelson, Mullins, Riley, & Scarborough LLP. They live in Simpsonville.

J. Mark and **Shannon A. Webb '98** recently relocated to Naples, Fla. Mark is a pre-construction manager for Boran Craig Barber Engel.

2001

Michael Shay Frye and **Camela Jane Barrineau '02** were married June 28, 2003, at Barrineau Pentecostal Holiness Church in Lake City. Camela is employed by Washington Mutual and Michael is employed by ACS Technologies. They live in Florence.

2002

Camela Jane Barrineau and **Michael Shay Frye '01** were married June 28, 2003, at Barrineau Pentecostal Holiness Church in Lake City. Michael is employed by ACS Technologies. Camela is employed by Washington Mutual. They live in Florence.

Janice Castle is vice president of information systems and chief information officer of McLeod Health.

Christopher Cary Elvis and Susan Elizabeth Roy were married Nov. 15, 2003, in Florence. Christopher is pursuing a degree in nuclear medicine technology and will be employed with Lexington Medical Center. Susan is a teacher

for Richland School District 5. They live in Irmo.

Ricky Justin Hardee and **Sarah Elizabeth Rainwater '98** and were married Aug. 16, 2003. Ricky is employed by Farm Bureau Insurance Company. Sarah is employed by Sysco Food Services of Columbia. They reside in Florence.

Holly Leigh Kinsey and **Brad Allison Drawdy '00** were married July 19, 2003. Holly is employed by Vocational Rehabilitation. Brad is a math teacher and football/baseball coach at Hannah-Pamplico High School. They live in Pamplico.

April Gayle McGee and **Gerald G. "Jerry" Smith '03** were married on July 12, 2003, in Lake City. April is participating in the PharmD Program at the Medical University of South Carolina and was employed by Price Wise Pharmacy as a pharmacy intern. Jerry is an associate MIS analyst for Santee Cooper. They live in Moncks Corner.

LeAnn Sawyer is administrative specialist and associate vice president of technical and general education at Florence Darlington Technical College. She most recently served as an instructor for continuing education and completed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's instructor certification. LeAnn is a certified evaluator for Therapy Dogs International, providing assisted therapy and animal assisted activities to area rehabilitation patients.

William Jonathan Tisdale was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the ROTC (Army

Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from FMU.

2003

David Talbot Miller and Michelle Renee Buxton were married July 12, 2003, in Florence. David is employed by APAC. Michelle works for McLeod Regional Medical Center. They live in Florence.

Jennifer Leigh Poston and Mitchell Van Powers Jr. were married Oct. 18, 2003, at New Zion Baptist Church. Mitchell is employed by Reliant Mechanical. They live in Timmonsville.

Mark Richardson is the sports correspondent at the Marion Star and Mullins Enterprise.

Gerald G. "Jerry" Smith and **April Gayle McGee '02** were married July 12, 2003, in Lake City. Jerry is an associate MIS analyst for Santee Cooper. April is participating in the PharmD Program at the Medical University of South Carolina and was employed by Price Wise Pharmacy as a pharmacy intern. They live in Moncks Corner.

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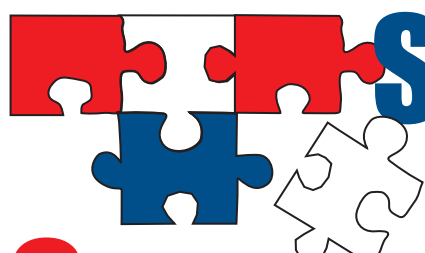
Henry E. "Beau" Harrison '75
Mary E. Hysong (former student)
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Jewel A. Poston '79
James Alton "Jim" Rogers II '93
Robert Forbes Welch '86

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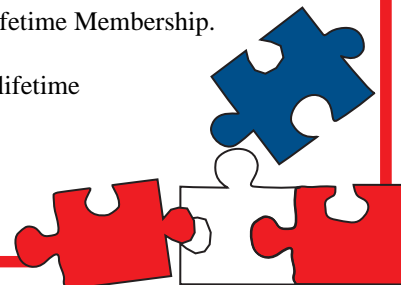
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